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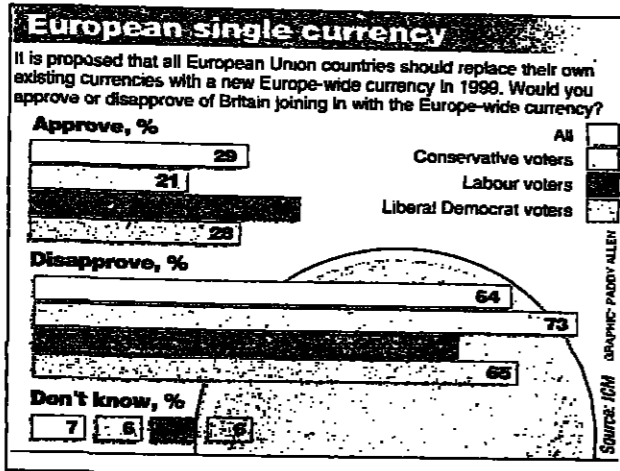


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# European single currency opposed by 2 in 3 Britons



Martin Kettle

**B**RITISH voters are overwhelmingly opposed to joining the planned European single currency, according to a Guardian/ICM poll published today — Europe Day.

Opposition to the replacement of the pound by the euro is running at more than two to one, confirming John Major's remark last week that a referendum would decide against British participation in the single currency.

The pollsters asked voters whether they approved or disapproved of Britain joining the European Union's

planned replacement of existing currencies in 1999. Only 29 per cent said they approved, compared with 64 per cent who disapproved. Seven per cent were don't knows.

This tide of public opinion poses serious problems for all the British political parties. The poll underlines that there are clear majorities against the single currency among supporters of all parties. Conservative voters oppose the move by 73 to 21 per cent. Liberal Democrats by 65 to 28 and Labour voters are also decisively opposed, by 57 to 36.

The only encouraging news for supporters of the European currency is that tomorrow may belong to them.

There is a narrow lead in favour of the euro among young voters. Among those aged 16 to 24, British participation is supported by 48 per cent, with 44 per cent opposed. All older age groups disapprove of British involvement.

The results follow a survey last week for the European newspaper, showing that German voters currently oppose the single currency by 53 to 40 per cent, in contrast to their French counterparts, who support it by 67 to 29 per cent.

As if to confound the party strategists still further, there has been a sharp fall in Labour's lead over the Conservatives, cancelling out the

rise in last month's ICM survey. The current state of the parties in the new poll shows Labour on 45 per cent (down 5 per cent compared with April), Conservatives 28 (down 1), Liberal Democrats 21 (up 4), and others 5 (up 1). Labour's lead over the Conservatives, which rose 7 points in April to 21 per cent, has now slid back to 17.

Labour's rating underlines the softness of the party's opinion poll support, and will confirm Tony Blair in his repeated warnings that Labour victory in the general election cannot be taken for granted.

Nevertheless the overall picture remains very good for

Labour, because there is no sign of any Conservative recovery to offset Labour losses. The big gainers this month are Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats, whose strong showing in the English local elections last week has helped to boost the party's opinion poll rating to its second strongest showing in the past year.

ICM interviewed a random telephone sample of 1,200 adults aged 18 and over between May 3-5, 1996. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.



# Major faces votes trap

Michael White  
Political Editor

**J**OHNSON Major's hopes of political survival into 1997 were again placed in the hands of disaffected Eurosceptics and Ulster Unionists last night as rebel Tories and Tony Blair's shadow cabinet each laid down a menacing gauntlet over Europe.

Despite acknowledged dangers that a premature move to bring the Government down could rebound in Mr Major's favour, Labour strategists decided to trigger a vote on next week's Commons debate on the EU's Common Agricultural Policy — including the Cabinet's handling of the beef crisis.

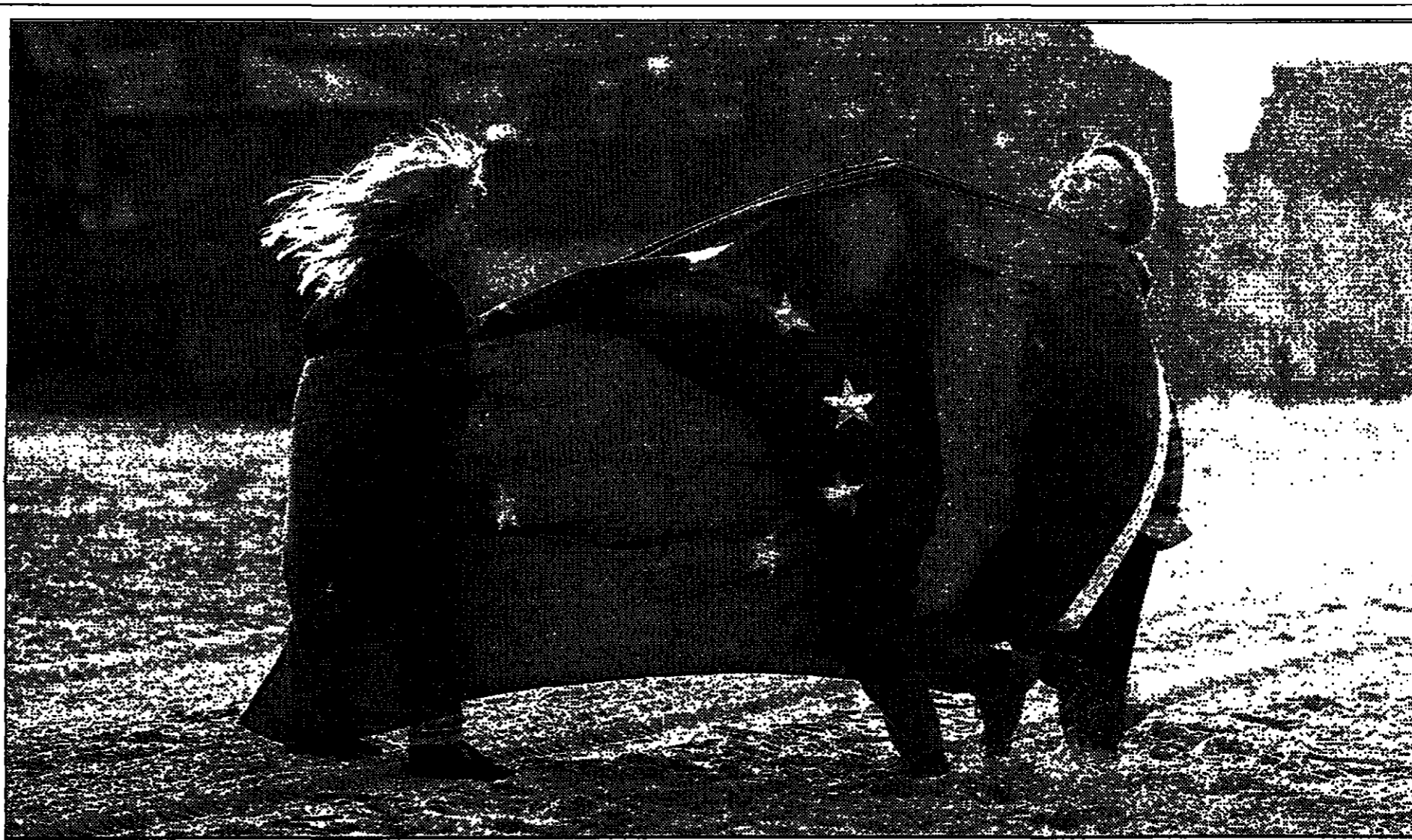
With John Redwood yesterday outlining his strategy for saving Conservative election prospects with a lurch to the "right" — including a "No" right — to the single currency project — the Prime Minister was

also served notice by the former "whiplash eight" Tory MPs that they will force a vote next month on a bill of referendum on British membership of the EU.

Though the Government has a Commons majority of only one, the odds remain on Mr Major scraping through both challenges, not least because Mr Redwood and his allies oppose a simple "In or Out" referendum and David Trimble's Ulster Unionists are not keen to bring him down at this stage in the peace process.

But the flare-up underlines just how delicate the Cabinet's position is as it manoeuvres towards an early summer recess which — most ministers hope — will leave only the Queen's Speech hurdle in October to surmount in order to survive until 1997.

Ministerial ill-ease was evident in plans for Wednesday's CAP debate. Normally it is held on terms allowing amendments to be tabled which — over fish last year —



Edinburgh children flying the EU flag yesterday as government buildings in Scotland marked Europe Day by banning it and the EU hit back with a poster for schools PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MARRIOTT

## Blacks sue over minstrels' flat note

Ian Katz in New York

**T**HE summit of more than 700 black American dignitaries and African government officials at the Club Med resort in Senegal was going swimmingly until a pair of entertainers took to the stage at a reception.

The performers were white but had been made up with black faces and white lips. To the horror and fury of the all-black crowd, they launched into a minstrel routine.

Now the black civil rights group that staged the summit is suing Club Med for the display of insensitivity which it says left "a dark cloud" over the meeting and damaged its reputation in the black community.

"Times have changed and portraying black people as ignorant fools who stumble around and don't speak the language properly just isn't acceptable," said Robert Cohen, the lawyer representing several delegates and the Phoenix-based International Foundation for Education and Self-Help.

Twenty-one African heads of state joined African-American leaders including the Reverend Jesse Jackson, the late United States commerce secretary Ron Brown, and the mayor of Washington DC, Marion Barry, at the gathering in May 1995 to discuss how US blacks could help solve Africa's economic problems.

According to the \$5 million (£3.3 million) lawsuit filed in a Manhattan federal court this week, many

in the crowd reacted with "outrage, humiliation, anger and outrage" to the performance at the Club Med resort in Les Almadies, outside Dakar.

The Reverend Leon Sullivan, a prominent African-American activist who drew up the so-called "Sullivan principles" for US and European engagement with South Africa during apartheid, quickly ushered the entertainers from the stage.

Rev Sullivan apparently managed to calm the crowd but the summit organisers claim in their lawsuit that "repercussions from the black face incident... tainted much of what we achieved."

The plaintiffs added that Club Med staff "did absolutely nothing to avoid the

presentation of the... skit or help ease the tense situation created by the incident." No Club Med spokesperson was available for comment yesterday.

Some who attended the summit said the black-face skit was reminiscent of Amos and Andy, the popular television and radio show about two caricature black men that was pulled off the air in the 1950s for being racially insensitive.

Minstrel shows were extremely popular throughout the 19th century, but are now seen as the height of political incorrectness.

"It would be unacceptable to perform one in just about any context," Mr Cohen said. "It was painfully inappropriate at a conference of African-American and African leaders."

## Football chief resigns in row over championship tickets

Martin Thorpe and John Duncan

**E**NGLAND'S biggest international sporting event for 30 years has been hit by a row over tickets involving the Football Association's commercial director, Trevor Phillips.

Mr Phillips resigned on Tuesday, just four weeks before the European Championship, after being interviewed by police and following a meeting with the FA chief executive, Graham Kelly. He is alleged to have sanctioned the allocation of tickets for hospitality packages to a company not authorised by the soccer authorities to operate them.

There is no suggestion that he sought or obtained any pecuniary advantage.

The sale of all tickets for

Euro 96 is strictly monitored to prevent them reaching the black market and threatening the segregation and security arrangements put in place to avoid crowd trouble. It is also an offence under the Criminal Justice Act to sell or offer for sale tickets for a designated football match if not authorised to do so by the event organisers.

Only two companies, Keith Frowse and Sportsworld, are authorised to sell hospitality packages for Euro 96.

Mr Phillips's involvement came to light following police raids on April 30 on 13 central London ticket agencies and businesses offering hospitality packages for Euro 96.

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### Prague Writers' Festival 1996

This year the Prague Writers' Festival, directed by Michael March, will once again showcase a selection of fine authors from around the world. Meet them at the Viola Theatre, Národní 7. (nearest metro Národní) from May 9-11. For more details call: 44 171 7134133

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Sketch

Treading water, staying afloat



Simon Hoggart

THE House yesterday debated the important subject of the new water companies. These are the result of what was probably the first truly unpopular privatisation. Their incompetence and greed make them a perfect target even for New Labour...

set of sexy pillows with the word "Yes" on one side and "No" on the other. I am told these could be displayed to indicate whether or not you wanted to enjoy a milky bedtime drink, or something. But the years have fallen away. I suspect that, having since married and had children, he has had his virginity surgically restored, like Doris Day.



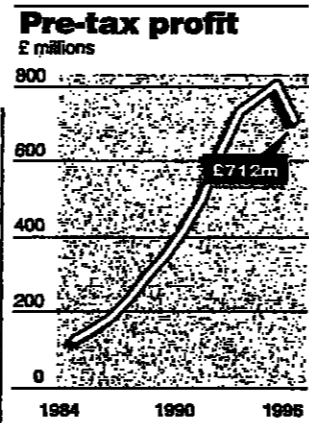
David Sainsbury, chairman of the supermarket chain, pushes his wares at a London store yesterday. The company would take 'decisive action', he said. PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER

Profits fall jolts Sainsbury

Sharper marketing and loyalty card to pull back £100 million

Roger Cowe

SAINSBURY yesterday unveiled a tough marketing campaign aimed at reviving its fortunes, after announcing its first fall in profits since becoming a public company in 1973.



also expand its Economy range of cut-price products, but signalled that it was not entering a new spiral in the price war.

Mr McCarten said these developments had emerged from a radical review of the supermarket business. "We have looked at everything. There were no sacred cows," he said.

inflation, sales from comparable stores fell by 2 per cent. In an attempt to stem that fall, Sainsbury cut prices, advertised heavily and recruited 5,000 extra staff to improve service.

The mistakes

- Thought their 1980s formula was invincible
Tried to ignore the price war
Launched "Essential for the Essentials" campaign in a belated and doomed attempt to join the price war
Cut costs too much, which hit service levels
Ridiculed Tesco's Clubcard loyalty scheme
Bought Texas Homecare DIY chain
Launched "Everyone's Favourite Ingredient" campaign, which made Sainsbury look expensive
Put too much own-label products in the stores
Allowed Safeway to steal young family customers
Let store operations get sloppy

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French farce and furious action

Michael Billington

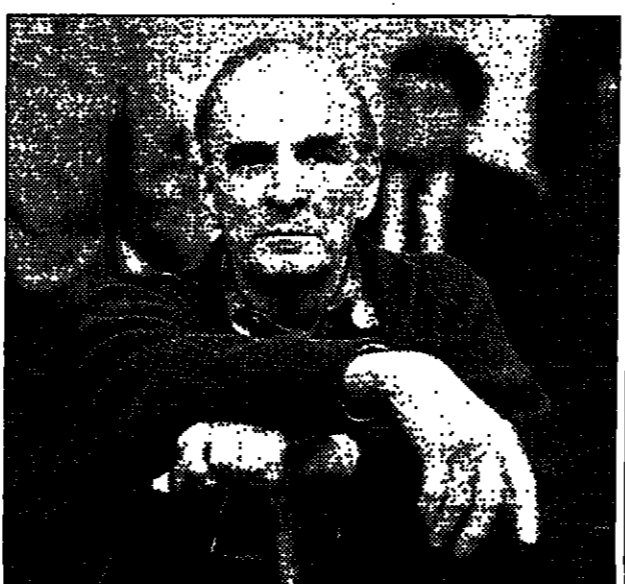
COMPARISONS, says Dogberry, are odorous. But it is impossible not to contrast Peter Hall's revival of Feydeau's Mind Millie For Me with Roger Planchon's current version of the same play, Occupe-tot d'Amélie, at the Comédie Française.

ding guests inspect what they think is a fake cyst on the head of the mayor executing the marriage. But, underneath the farcical mechanics, there is genuine pain: Etienne's apparent betrayal reminds us of Feydeau's much more than a heartless mathematician.

Misanthropic Bergman bans 'lousy' play's New York run

Jon Henley in Helsinki

THE Oscar-winning Swedish film director Ingmar Bergman, famed for his bleak portrayals of guilt and loneliness, was himself cast in the role of antisocial ingrate yesterday after calling his production of Molière's Le Misanthrope "lousy" and refusing to transfer it to New York.



Ingmar Bergman... very critical of some performances

performance and said it wasn't the same show as the one he produced. Ms Jernberg said, "He called a meeting of the cast and apparently told them it was lousy and not fit to take to New York. He was very critical of some individual performances."

four Oscars for Fanny and Alexander in 1984. Mr Bergman said last November he planned to retire from the theatre this year to his home on the windswept island of Faro, which provided the bleak light and melancholy settings for many of his films.

EC recommends lifting of beef byproduct ban

Stephen Bates and Michael White

THE European Commission offered a cautious concession to the Government in the beef crisis yesterday by agreeing to recommend lifting the ban on byproducts such as gelatine, tallow, and semen when veterinary experts from the member states meet next week.

embargo, raising fresh doubts in Brussels about whether even a limited relaxation of the rules is likely to be agreed. A German government spokesman said: "The British have not come up with a convincing system for combating BSE. We don't see how Germany could agree to a relaxation of the ban until Britain has come up with a convincing plan of eradication."

ensure safety. Skulls, vertebral columns, brains, spinal cords, eyes, tonsils, thymus, intestines and spleens will not be allowed to be used. Although technically the byproducts can be lifted next week - the commission would have to endorse the committee's recommendation - monitoring of the new measures would have to be in place and they would have to be seen to be working before gelatine, tallow and semen could go back on the market.

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Nazi
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# MPs urged to break secrecy in Whitehall

Richard Norton-Taylor

SIR Richard Scott, author of the arms-to-Iraq report, last night urged MPs to be far more assertive in demanding information from Whitehall, even to the extent of instituting contempt proceedings against ministers who refuse to provide official documents or who ban civil servants from giving evidence to Commons select committees.

He said Britain needed a freedom of information act and that the convention whereby ministers refused to answer questions on subjects simply on the grounds that they had not done so in the past needed "serious and urgent revision".

He told the Commons public select committee that it was "complete nonsense" to say his 1,800-page report contained no clear conclusions. Asked whether the Government had acted in a way that was constitutionally improper in the arms-to-Iraq scandal, he replied: "Yes, I said so."

Sir Richard said he had also made clear that ministers had behaved in a way they should not have done and that parliament was deprived of accurate information.

He told the MPs that claims

made by the Treasury and the Cabinet Office, in a government press pack issued on the day his report was published, contained inaccurate information.

The Treasury claimed that Sir Richard had concluded William Waldegrave had not misled parliament, while the Cabinet Office denied that ministers had misled parliament over export policy towards Iraq.

"Ministerial accountability is a very important institutional doctrine... the provision of information is the key," he said. There was no reason why parliament should not be told the quantities of arms it exported and the buyers.

He also revealed that Christopher Muttukumar, the Scott inquiry secretary, had been intimidated to the extent that unless he bowed to Whitehall demands "his career in the Civil Service might suffer". Sir Richard refused to be more specific or name names but it is known that senior Whitehall officials including Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary — engaged in angry exchanges with Mr Muttukumar over the inquiry's procedures and arrangements.

Mr Muttukumar is now a senior legal adviser in the Ministry of Defence.

## Football chief resigns after row over Euro 96 tickets

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ready contacted the businesses, which were offering packages costing between £166 and £475 plus VAT.

During the raids, conducted under the title Operation Fortent, 18 people were arrested, questioned by police and released to report back in three weeks. No one has been charged.

One of the companies raided was the National Sporting Club, whose non-executive chairman is the former England test cricketer Bob Willis. His brother David is a director. A female employee and another director, Stephen Haymer, were arrested.

It is understood that Mr Phillips was interviewed shortly afterwards and last Friday police visited the offices of Synchro, the official Euro 96 ticket distributors, in

the company of the Euro 96 tournament director, Glen Kirton, and the FA's deputy chief executive, Pat Smith.

The police questioned the company about how the unauthorised businesses were offering hospitality packages for Euro 96, and checked Synchro's computer database, which contains the details of every ticket purchaser for Euro 96. It is understood police were then told that Mr Phillips had authorised some of the allocation.

Police questioned Mr Phillips again, after which he met Mr Kelly and resigned from his £100,000-a-year post. Mr Phillips was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Mr Kirton issued a statement yesterday stressing the determination to clamp down on anyone flouting the rules which govern the sale and purchase of Euro 96 tickets.



A monument to those killed is unveiled in the 1950s

## Ex-SS captain stands accused of multiple homicide in a wartime massacre he called 'legitimate retaliation'

John Hooper in Rome witnesses an emotional start to the court hearing

# Nazi war crimes trial opens in chaos

LOOKING elegant, buoyant and implausibly fit for a man of 82, Erich Priebke, a former SS officer, strode into court here yesterday at the start of what is expected to be the last Nazi war crimes trial.

The hearing opened the day after a court in The Hague began proceedings for "crimes against humanity" for the first time since Nuremberg.

The ex-captain is accused of multiple homicide. He has admitted playing a key role in Italy's most notorious wartime massacre — the killing of 335 people at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome.

His trial, by a military tribunal, began in chaotic and emotional fashion in a courtroom measuring 20 feet by 44.

One lawyer complained he had had to stand throughout yesterday's session and had been unable to set out his trial brief. Reporters were escorted in small groups into the court to witness the proceedings for a few minutes.

Most of the victims' relatives had to watch on closed-circuit television. One fainted from heat and emotion.

A woman said: "I was 15 when I lost my father. We were hiding some American PoWs. Because of a tip-off from a fascist, the Germans came and took my father. They told us he'd been taken to Germany. It wasn't true. He'd been imprisoned in Rome, then killed at the Ardeatine Caves. Priebke? They should send him to the toughest possible jail. I shall never forgive him."

Outside, Communist demonstrators chanted: "Fascists. For you, there is no tomorrow. The new partisans are forming up." Wartime guilt has become a burning issue since the rise of the neo-fascist-led National Alliance which took one vote in seven at last month's election.

Priebke was extradited to Italy after being tracked down in Argentina by a United States television network. He admitted at his indictment hearing that he had killed two of the victims and called out the names of 100 of those who were shot.

He expressed sorrow but described the massacre as "merely legitimate" wartime

retaliation. He argued that if he had refused to carry out his orders he would have been killed.

The dead — including a boy aged 14, Roman Catholic priests and 75 Jews — were shot in reprisal for a bomb attack by partisans in which 33 German soldiers died.

The chief rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, sparked outrage among the city's 15,000 Jews last month when he said that, if found guilty, Priebke should serve out his sentence under house arrest.

Yesterday, the case was given another twist by Il Giornale, the newspaper owned by the family of the media magnate Silvio Berlusconi. On its front page, it published a photograph of the severed head of an Italian boy who, it said, had been killed in the partisan attack.

Il Giornale quoted the boy's twin brother, Giovanni Zucheretti, now aged 65, as saying the partisans allowed the bomb to explode knowing it would kill an innocent child.

In fact, Priebke was rather more than an ordinary soldier faced with an impossible

dilemma. Documents unearthed in the US and reported for the first time yesterday indicate that even before the war he belonged to a Gestapo unit which kept lists of Nazis' perceived enemies.

The papers also suggest that, shortly before the end of the war, Heinrich Himmler, the SS chief, assigned him to special, though tantalisingly ill-defined, duties.

According to Robert Katz, author of a book on the Ardeatine Caves massacre, Priebke was in the commando group which located and rescued Benito Mussolini after the former dictator's overthrow.

Writing in yesterday's La Stampa, Mr Katz said Priebke was also implicated in the arrest and deportation to Auschwitz many of Rome's Jews.

The Italian news agency AGI reported that papers in Washington showed that, on December 2 1936, Priebke enrolled in a special Gestapo section known as the Gestapo. It quoted the historian Heinz Höhne as saying the Gestapo kept "a card file known as 'A'

which included the particulars of all dangerous subversives".

The 'A' file was used to prepare the March 1937 round-up of 2,000 opponents of the Nazi regime who were sent to Dachau and Sachsenhausen.

The documents showed that Priebke joined the SS on September 30 1937 and was assigned to Office IV of the S-

cherheitsdienst, which specialised in dealing with opponents of the regime. A letter of August 31 1944 informs him he has received a "special assignment from the Reichsführer-SS and should proceed for further instructions to the nearest secretariat of Office IV".

The first evidence in the trial will be given tomorrow.

## Minister ends trainspotters torment

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

TRAINSPOTTERS can breathe a sigh of relief. British Rail's distinctive "double arrow" logo will continue to appear on tickets, timetables and at stations, ending fears that it might disappear after privatisation.

John Watts, the railways minister, said in a parliamentary answer yesterday that the rights and control of the famous trademark passed earlier this week into the ownership of the Transport Secretary — currently Sir George Young.

It will then be licensed to British Rail — for continued use as its corporate logo — to Railtrack for use at stations and at other sites, and to privatised train operators which must use it on most types of tickets. No royalties will be charged for use of the symbol, Mr Watts said, which will continue to be used as a traffic sign.

The logo was devised in 1965 by a consultancy called



Beeching-inspired design: staying on track in private world

Design Research Unit, as a strong visual symbol for the revamped British Rail and the new-look network, slimmer down as a result of the infamous Beeching cuts.

Dr Beeching, then the British Railways chairman, set out in an article in the Financial Times in 1964 the need for "a mark powerful enough to symbolise the service it stands for, a distinctive name style and logo type for the title of the undertakings with

recognition value than the Michelin man.

At the same time, it quickly became recognised abroad as a potent symbol of one of Britain's biggest nationalised industries, and arguably its most important transport system.

Critics of privatisation have expressed concern that the excessive fragmentation of the rail network would prompt an avalanche of different logos and design styles.

BR has been broken up into nearly 100 separate organisations for the sell-off, and the private operators taking over the 25 separate passenger businesses have been keen to promote their own corporate identity on trains, staff uniforms and elsewhere.

Labour's transport campaigner, Glenda Jackson, said last night: "Sir George Young is using the British Rail logo as a figleaf to cover his embarrassment at destroying the rail network.

"It will remain a monument to the Government's obsession with privatisation."

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**In this exciting new world of dynamic financial management we must not only fret about this week's budget, but how we are to live 30 years hence. There is no looking forward to the time when children leave home because they never do any more. As it appears that most of them will be scarcely literate, let's hope that they can use a calculator.**

**Suzanne Moore G2 page 7**

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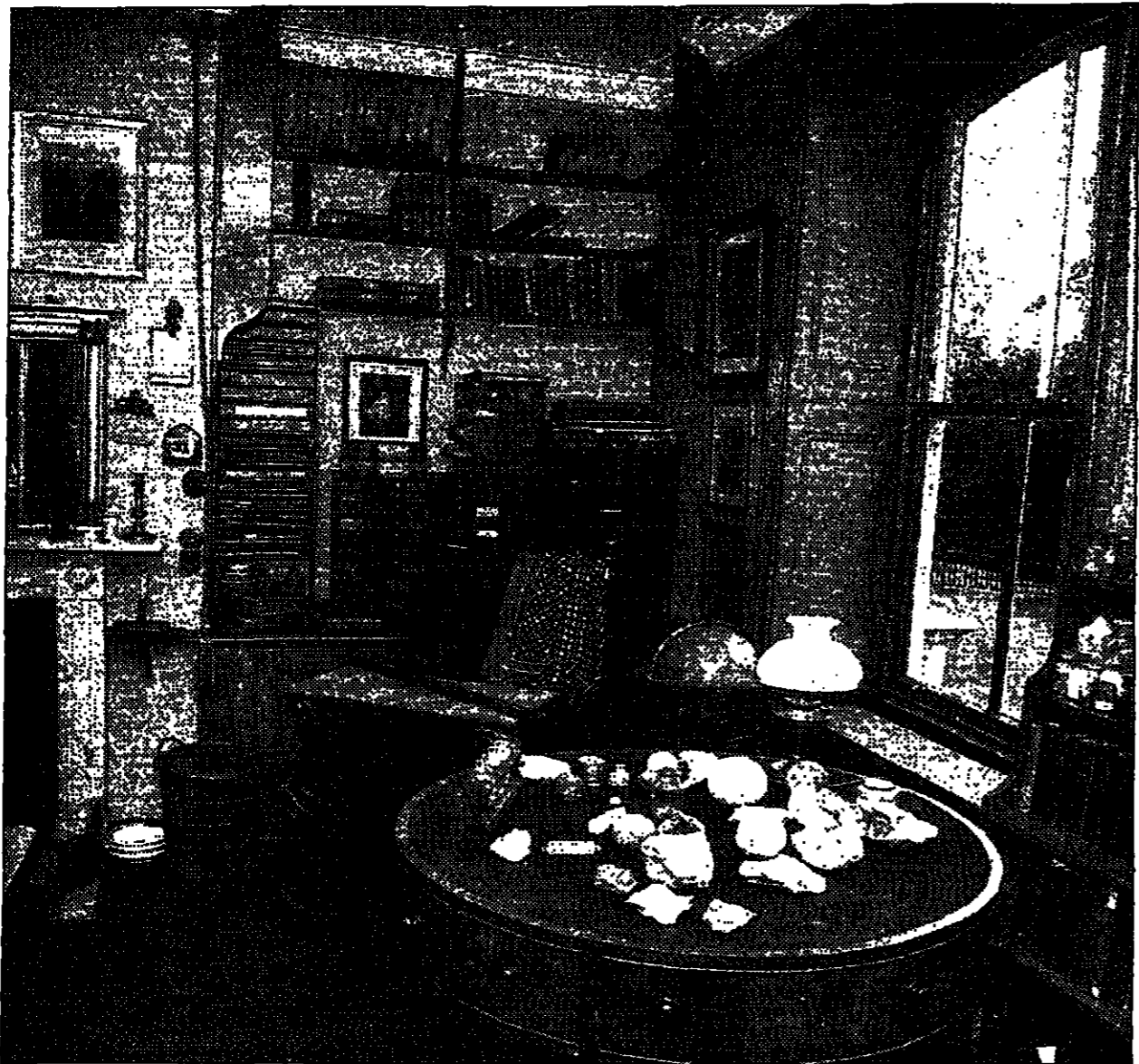
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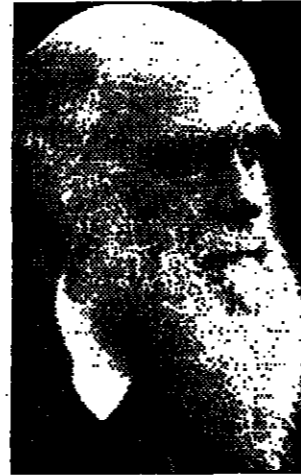
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The study where the Origin of Species was written, and, above right, Charles Darwin



## Lottery cash helps to save Darwin house

Maev Kennedy on a rescue deal

CHARLES Darwin's house in Kent has been saved. The alling museum has been bought by English Heritage with more than £2 million in grants from the Heritage Lottery fund and the Wellcome Trust.

The house was in danger of being auctioned off, and its original contents, including many Darwin papers, being scattered.

The chairman of English Heritage, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, rejoiced in the acquisition yesterday. Down House, near Biggin Hill in Kent, was the home of Darwin, author of *The Origin of Species*, for 40 years until his death in 1882.

He worked out his theories tramping every day on the same path round and round the garden, and wrote sitting in an armchair in the house. It has been decaying gently for years, and looked doomed when a £3.2 million appeal

by the Natural History Museum failed to raise enough money in time.

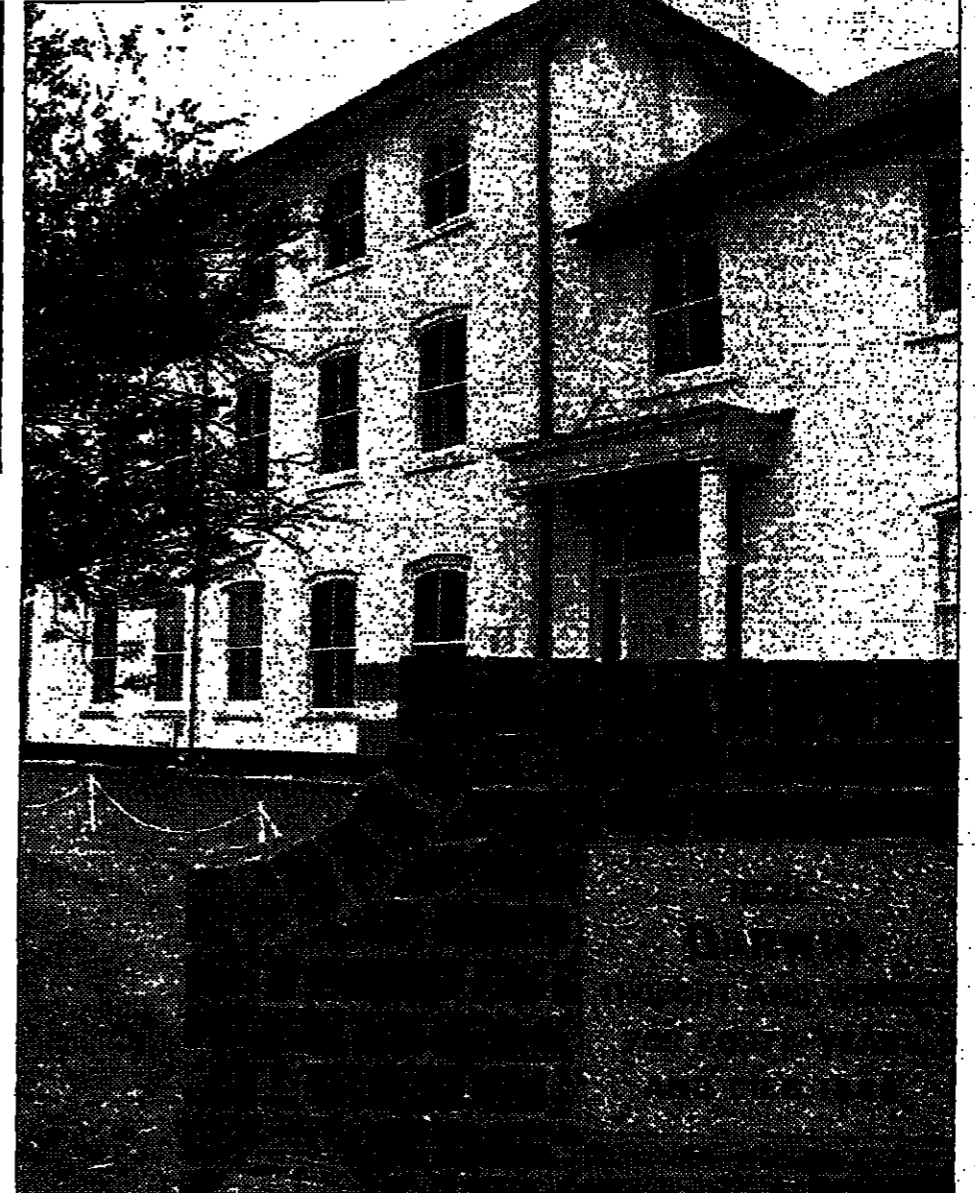
The house, and more than 30 acres of gardens and parkland, had been leased and run as a museum by the Natural History Museum, but that lease ran out at the end of last year.

Down House has been owned by the Royal College of Surgeons since 1962, but the college could no longer afford to maintain it or to pay for urgent repairs.

The president of the college, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, heaved a sigh of relief yesterday, saying the house had been a considerable drain on the college. The

transfer would "concentrate its resources on its surgical responsibilities".

The compromise deal involves the Natural History Museum passing the £625,000 raised by the appeal, and the Heritage Lottery fund grant of £1.78 million, to English Heri-



Down House, decaying gently for years, will be renovated and will reopen next summer

itage to restore and maintain the estate. The Wellcome Trust gave English Heritage £230,000 to buy the freehold of the house, and the contents and land, and a further £475,000 to buy the neighbouring three-acre Buckston Browne research farm.

Down House will close today for a complete renovation. At present it is only attracting 5,000 visitors a year, despite being only 16 miles from London. Sir Jocelyn expects that the number of visitors will increase when it reopens in June 1997.

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## Additional £25m to ease NHS crisis

Ministers find cash after health trusts warn of gaps in funding

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

MINISTERS yesterday found more than £25 million extra funding to ease problems at nine pressure points in the National Health Service.

The unusual move came after leaders of the NHS Trust Federation told Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that the service was facing the deepest crisis since the start of the internal market system five years ago.

One of the biggest grants — £5 million — is to go to the North and Mid Hampshire health authority, which covers the Winchester constituency of Gerald Malone, the Health Minister.

Others are going to hard-pressed inner city health authorities including Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, as well as parts of south London. The largest, of £6.5 million, is for

Solihull. The federation last week warned Mr Dorrell of widespread problems in agreeing contracts between trusts and health authorities because of funding gaps.

One area not getting any extra help is Southampton, where the University Hospitals Trust is £11 million short of what it says it needs.

The trust is cutting 373 jobs and has agreed with its main purchaser, the Southampton and South West Hampshire authority, to rank its patients in order of clinical priority. Emergency cases will be dealt with first, followed by those considered urgent, with non-urgent going to the back of the queue.

The trust, which has yet to sign a contract with the authority, said it was expected that the nine month maximum waiting time achieved last year would "drift out" to about 15 months.

Further evidence of the extent of problems came yesterday from the Health Visitors' Association, which reported

cuts in community health services in Grimsby, Powys, Northamptonshire, Nottingham and north, south and east London. Clinics were being closed, school nurses sacked and family planning services wound down.

The association said: "It's obvious there is a cash crisis and they are cutting community services because it is becoming too political to close any more hospitals."

The Department of Health said the nine authorities receiving help fall into three groups: inner cities undergoing "re-configuration" of services — Leeds and Manchester (£3 million each), Newcastle (£2 million) and Sheffield (£1.25 million); authorities going through "structural change" — Solihull (£2.5 million), Bexley and Greenwich in south London (£2 million) and the Isle of Wight (£1.9 million); and authorities going through "market management changes" — North and Mid Hampshire (£5 million) and Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham in south London (£1 million plus a further, unspecified sum in respect of large numbers of mentally-disordered patients.

## Kidney treatment 'lottery'

Chris Millill, Medical Correspondent

THE Government admitted yesterday that there was "considerable" geographical variation in care given people with kidney disease.

One charity warned that a review by the Department of Health of dialysis and other treatments for life-threatening kidney disease had uncovered "a life and death lottery".

The National Kidney Federation said the review showed access to treatment depended on where people lived, and not on clinical need, and

added that there was no new government money to improve services as recommended by the department, and no timescale for implementing the review's findings.

It is projected that the need for dialysis will virtually double in the next decade, due to an ageing population and changes in lifestyle. Using a measure to give comparability, patients per million, the review found that dialysis treatment varied from 86ppm to 284ppm depending on the area. The waiting list varied from 199pm to 128ppm depending. The Northern region was one of the best provided, with 28 kidney beds and 24

dialysis stations per million population. South West Thames had the poorest provision, with 5 beds and 5 dialysis stations per million.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said: "The review reveals considerable geographical variation... it makes it clear that we need to continue to develop the renal services of the NHS."

The survey, by the Wessex Institute of Public Health and Surrey University, found that in 1993 there were 19,000 kidney patients; 3,900 in hospital dialysis, 800 in dialysis at home, 4,300 treated by another form of dialysis, CAPD, and 10,000 who had been given a transplanted organ.

## Killer had fantasy of murdering blond boy

Owen Bowcott

THE paedophile murderer who strangled nine-year-old Daniel Handley had previously described identical violent sexual fantasies to a prison officer during therapy sessions, a court heard yesterday.

Timothy Morris, aged 23, a florist from Leyton, east London, had told other sex offenders and staff at Wormwood Scrubs jail, west London, he wanted to abduct a "young, blond boy, bugger him and strangle him".

Edward Cook, a retired prison officer, told an Old Bailey jury that confessing such a "violent fantasy was "very rare".

Nearly seven years later,

when he heard a BBC Crimewatch appeal about Daniel's murder, Mr Cook contacted the police and named four possible suspects, including Morris, Brett Tyler and David Gutteridge.

Morris has already admitted abducting, sexually assaulting and murdering Daniel Handley, who was snatched off a street in Beckton, east London in October 1994.

Tyler, aged 30, of no fixed address, has pleaded guilty to the abduction and sexual assault but denies the murder. Gutteridge, 59, who ran a mini-cab firm in Camberwell, south London, has admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice.

During the 1980s all three had served prison sentences in Wormwood Scrubs where

they underwent therapy. Gutteridge, questioned by Rook Tansley, QC, counsel for Tyler, said that for Morris "sex was power and revenge and vengeance". Gutteridge added that from their first meeting while serving prison sentences for sexual offences, Morris had had a recurring fantasy of wanting to abuse and murder a young boy.

A psychiatrist who treats child sex abusers, told the court he saw Morris in 1992, at Gutteridge's instigation. The psychiatrist referred to as Dr B, said he called police when told of a BBC TV Crimewatch programme last May featuring Daniel's murder. "I was sufficiently concerned to mention Morris as a possible suspect," he said.

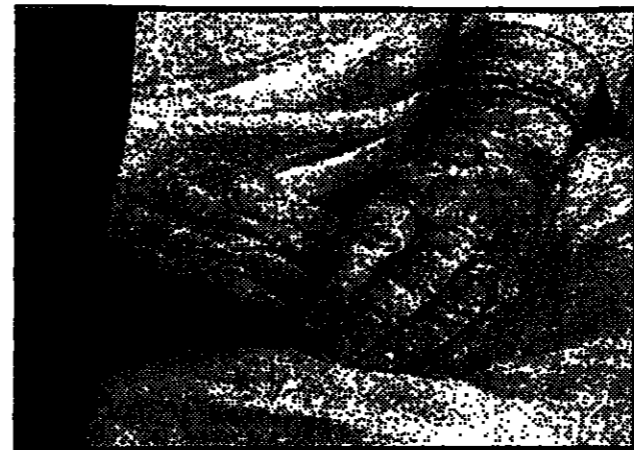
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Antony Williams with his work — 'an honest painting of someone who is 70' — and (above right) the 'swollen fingers and fat wrists, the worn and ill-trimmed nails' that so offend one art critic



# Queen — warts and all

### Sarah Boseley on reactions to latest royal portrait

THE latest portrait of the Queen was unveiled yesterday to a mixture of criticism and acclaim for its depiction of the monarch as a wrinkled, care-worn mortal, devoid of majesty.

Antony Williams, aged 31, who won the commission from the Royal Society of Portrait Painters after being judged the best young portraitist of 1995, defended his work as "an honest painting of someone who is 70". He added: "The lines are there. I painted what I saw."

Art critic Brian Sewell led the offensive against the portrait, now hanging in the Mall Galleries in London. He said the Queen deserved better than to be "perpetuated as an old age pensioner about to lose her bungalow".

The Queen, who sat for Mr Williams six times, has not seen the portrait, although Ms Todd said Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, was "intrigued" by the artist's technique.

Mr Williams paints in egg tempera, using tiny brush strokes, because the colours will not blend. "It is quite a hard-edged effect," Ms Todd said, which might contribute to the impression of wrinkles.

She compared the detail in the work — a snagged fingernail and a small wound from a diamond bracelet — to the mark of stockings on one of Rembrandt's nudes.

June Mendoza, a member of the society who has painted the Queen five times, was not surprised at the controversy. But she thought the portrait was excellent. "It's not just a photographic expression, it's a painting."

"The Queen is extremely difficult to paint. When she smiles, every single thing in her face changes — she has a radiant smile — but this painting is her iron face."

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, unveiled the painting, said: "It's a strong statement about Her Majesty... It's not a chocolate box picture, and I expect some people will be sorry about that."

Lord St John of Fawsley, a constitutional expert who was at yesterday's private viewing, was less enthusiastic. "It's a powerful painting but it hasn't got the essence of the Queen, which is a serenity, benevolence and a happiness. A portrait should have the whole person."

Ms Williams found the experience of painting the Queen overwhelming, although he said he liked her and found her easy to talk to. "My opinion of her as a person went up quite a lot."

*'The resemblance is unmistakable, but so is its similarity to home-made bread waiting for the yeast to rise. The Queen deserves better than to be perpetuated as an old age pensioner about to lose her bungalow'*  
— Brian Sewell, art critic

*'We're delighted. I think artists think it is tremendous. It is full of dignity. At first sight you are aware of all those little imperfections in her flesh, but underneath it is an icon.'*  
— Daphne Todd, Royal Society president

*'It's an honest painting of someone who is 70, really. I painted what I saw... I wasn't setting out to promote the monarchy or create a piece of propaganda or anything like that'*  
— Antony Williams, the artist

*'It's very powerful, it's very striking. It's a very strong statement about Her Majesty... It's not a chocolate box picture and I expect some people will be sorry about that'*  
— Virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary

## Home care for elderly 'dearer'

### Survey forecasts greater use of residential accommodation

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

LOCAL authorities are spending more on keeping dependent elderly people in their own homes than it would cost for them to be in residential care, a survey suggests today.

Centre on behalf of the Local Government Management Board and the local authority associations. It found that the community care system, which started in 1993, was enabling many more people to stay in their own homes than had been expected. Of 16 authorities able to provide full figures, almost twice as many people were being provided with intensive domestic care costing more than £75 a week as were being admitted to care homes.

away from residential care of at least 63 per cent. However, the survey also found that the average net cost of intensive domestic care was greater than that of residential care. Average gross cost was £157 a week, of which £10-£15 was recouped from the client through charges.

This estimated net cost of about £140 is set against an average net cost of residential care of £133, after reducing the average gross of £229 by at least £86.50 to account for the social security residential allowance and the resident's state pension minus their personal allowance.

respect of care home costs. The report says: "This illustrates the perverse financial incentive resulting from different allowances available for community care services and this could mean that, with increasing financial restrictions, there begins to be a move back to using residential care as a cheaper alternative to intensive packages of day and domiciliary services."

## Some answers to questions about paying for nursing home in old age

As controversy continues over the Government's proposals to make it easier for the elderly to meet nursing home fees, Teresa Hunter offers a guide to the problem — and finds the plans less radical than they seem.

homes, and this will rise to 1.3 million by 2050. How much does a nursing home cost? Between £10,000 and £30,000 a year depending on location and the level of care. Most patients with severe disabilities will be charged around £20,000 annually.

What if you don't have enough money? Surely the state will pay? If you are worth more than £16,000 — and that includes your home — forget about state support. The elderly with savings of between £10,000 and £16,000 may qualify for a small amount of help. Even below that level, complicated income calculations, including all pensions and earnings from shares and building society accounts, may still disqualify you.

But surely they can't sell the roof over my partner's head or take my pension? The house is protected if a spouse, or a retired or disabled relative, lives there. Similarly, half an occupational pension may be disregarded from the income calculations — if needed to maintain a spouse. Limited protection of the house and other savings may be offered under the Government's proposals.

So the Government has decided to pay for our nursing care and we can keep our homes after all? Not quite — in fact not at all. Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell has made four proposals — two based on existing long-term care insurance and the others on pension and home income plan arrangements — which do little more than flag up existing options. The Government is proposing however to allow people who buy insurance to "ring-fence" assets such as their savings and their house. They can shelter assets equivalent to what an insurer pays out over four years plus an additional £15,000. Alternatively, they can benefit from a £1.50 disregard for every £1 insurance cover.

## Inquiry call after Gulf veteran dies in prison cell

David Pallister

A GULF WAR veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder has been found hanging in his prison cell after waiting three weeks for a transfer to a nursing home for psychiatric treatment.

The Prison Service said yesterday that John Callaghan, aged 27, died in the health care centre at Strangeways prison, Manchester, on Tuesday evening. He had served in the Gulf war as an army engineer.

The National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, yesterday wrote to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, demanding a public inquiry into the events leading up to the death. Callaghan had been sentenced to two years for conspiracy to supply drugs at Bolton crown court on April 15. But the trial judge agreed he could go to a nursing home in North Wales where he had spent some time while on bail. The problem was funding. On May 2 the Army Benevolent Fund agreed to pay for the first six weeks of the £30,000 treatment, with the rest being provided by the St Helens and Knowsley health authority.

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# Daily grind to demolish ethnic walls

### Sex shows and market stalls point the way to the practicalities of peace, writes Julian Borger in Loncari, northern Bosnia

IRENA strives for Balkan peace. In the Harmonious Brothers bar, wallpapered with posters of naked women, she writhes and grinds her hips for tolerance. In the darkness around her sit Serb, Croat and Muslim men, brought together by a common fascination with the grating female flesh provided by Irena and four friends from the fringes of the former Soviet Union. Irena came from eastern Moldova for the money and in hope of giving her four-year-old son a better chance in life, but after a fortnight in Bosnia she is aware of something un-

usual about the Harmonious Brothers' client mix. "Everyone comes here. Orthodox, Catholic, Muslim," she said in a mixture of Russian and Serbo-Croat. "There are no problems. Everything is calm, normal."

At a sign from a shaven-headed man in a suit she strips down to a one-piece bathing suit and steps on to a little carpeted podium. She begins to move, her eyes deaden, and soon all you can distinguish of her face is her chewing gum, brilliant in the ultra-violet light, emerging and disappearing like ectoplasm. The bar was named before

the main expanse of Croat-Muslim Federation territory. The Serb authorities tried to assert control of the corridor with police checkpoints, but they have been bulldozed aside by American troops. Route Arizona is now an economic artery clogged with trucks from Croatia, Slovenia and Germany, bringing cement and gravel for reconstruction. There is urgency in the air, a sense that only the quick and the canny will get rich in the boom. The Serb separatist leadership — having gorged itself on the wartime black market — has tried to shut out the new influx of foreign money, aware that it could wash away the ethnic divide it spent four years attempting to erect.

But the Posavina Serbs do not want to be left out. Miljenko, the owner of the Harmonious Brothers bar, made a call to his Russian contacts. Brcko, a Serb from the nearby town of Brcko, saw the trucks rattle along Route Arizona and realised it was time to make a move. "I don't want to talk about politics. Ordinary people just want to make money," he said. Ten days ago he drove through an American checkpoint and set up a music stall in a burgeoning multi-ethnic market in federation territory. He sells cassettes of Serb, Muslim and Croatian pop at £1.50 each. The market spreads along a dirt road running west from Route Arizona towards the village of Porebrica. Brcko's stall is at the end nearest the main road, where three US Bradley armoured cars stand

guard. Cars and trucks with Serb and government number plates line the dirt road for 300 yards. In a small paddock Muslim and Serb farmers trade sheep and cattle from the back of trucks. Most of them know each other from before the war, but there are no tears or embraces. They stare long and hard at each other's livestock, exchanging grunts of disapproval and grudging wads of German marks. The Serbs sell livestock and beer, and buy salt, sugar and fertiliser from the Muslims and Croats. Muslim police patrol the market but do little except direct traffic. They say there has been no trouble since the market started three weeks ago. Azudin Hasicovic makes a

few marks every day selling *ćevapici* (oblong grilled meatballs) to the farmers. He is a Muslim refugee from Brcko, the scene of some of the worst Serb atrocities of the war. The Bosnian Serb leadership is determined to stop the ethnic boundary dissolving. Local officials who allow cross-border traffic have been threatened, so the market is a significant chunk in the separatist armour. Brcko admitted that he had not told anyone in Brcko exactly where he sold his wares, but insisted that he would carry on. "You can't stop people doing business," he said. That is the hope that props up the Porebrica market, and the Harmonious Brothers bar: that, given time, money will prove stronger than fear.



## 15,000 police force nuclear load through

lan Traynor in Bonn  
**T**HOUSANDS of police and anti-nuclear radicals fought pitched battles in northern Germany yesterday as a trainload of plutonium and nuclear waste made its way to its storage site. At least 30 people were injured and as many arrested when young hooded militants firebombed and stoned the heavy security presence to ensure the safe arrival at the Gorleben storage site of the nuclear waste from the French reprocessing plant at La Hague. In the nearby town of Dannenberg demonstrators blocked the rail lines, erected burning barricades and hurled petrol bombs and fireworks at the ranks of the police. Fifteen thousand police were deployed to fill the protesters. They used tear gas, water cannon, and baton charges to disperse the protesters. One woman demonstrator had to be rushed to hospital by helicopter. Several other people were seriously injured. Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democratic premier of the state of Lower Saxony, where the Gorleben storage facility is situated, lashed out at the protesters, warning that all violent opposition would have to reckon with the "resistance of the state". In Bonn the Christian Democratic environment minister, Angela Merkel, insisted that the waste had to be taken to Gorleben because there was "no alternative," while the interior minister, Manfred Kanther, ordered police to get tough with the "howling masked rioters". The waste came from German nuclear power plants and was ferried to France for reprocessing. But under French law, all foreign nu-



End of the line... Anti-nuclear protesters in Dannenberg clash with police PHOTOGRAPHER: CHRISTOF STACHE

### World news in brief

## Answers sought on Iran-Bosnia links

THE Republican-controlled International relations committee in the United States House of Representatives yesterday demanded that two top diplomats fly back to Washington to face questioning on the decision by Bill Clinton's administration to turn a blind eye to the secret arming of Bosnia by Iran in 1994. Congressman Ben Gilman, the committee's chairman, yesterday demanded the testimony of Peter Galbraith, the US ambassador to Croatia, and Charles Redman, the chief US negotiator in the Balkans in 1994. President Clinton and his two closest advisers, Tony Lake and Strobe Talbott, agreed the so-called "blind eye" policy which Republicans say allowed Iranian fundamentalists to get a foothold in Bosnia. They agreed to give Mr Galbraith "no instruction" when he told the White House that Croatia was proposing to allow Iran to fly arms via its territory to Bosnia, in breach of the United Nations arms embargo. The White House had assumed this would meet with Republican approval, since Bob Dole, the party's leader, was publicly demanding that the arms embargo be lifted. "There is a principle at stake here, whether Congress was misled and the United Nations was misled," Mr Gilman said yesterday. — Martin Walker, Washington.

## 'Dirty war' resurfaces

FRESH arrests connected with the 1980s "dirty war" fought against Basque terrorists overshadowed the opening of Spain's new conservative-led parliament by King Juan Carlos yesterday. Judge Baltasar Garçon charged three senior generals in the paramilitary civil guard on Tuesday with links to the self-proclaimed Anti-Liberation Group (GAL) death squads, which have been blamed for the murder of 27 people linked to the Basque separatist group ETA. Generals Enrique Rodriguez Galindo and Andrés Castañedo are accused of four killings, while General José Antonio Somoza de Santamaría is charged with being involved in a cover-up. The three men are among the most senior figures involved in combating terrorism and were close to the outgoing prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez. Judge Garçon also summoned Julian Vargas, a former defence minister, to testify. Although Spain's new prime minister, José María Aznar, used the GAL affair to oust his predecessor, he hoped to lay the matter to rest once in power. Further investigations into the GAL could embarrass his Popular Party. Last week, the supreme court formally cleared Mr Gonzalez and two of his ministers of accusations that they authorised the death squads. The ruling outraged the former head of the civil guard, Luis Roldán, who faces corruption charges and has given Judge Garçon fresh evidence. — Adela Gooch, Madrid.

## Helms calls for truce

JESSE HELMS, the veteran Republican rightwinger, called for an early truce in his forthcoming senate re-election battle yesterday, after it developed into a replay of the bitter and racially-heated contest he fought six years ago. Mr Helms will once again face Harvey Gantt, the black former mayor of Charlotte, whom he defeated in a notorious campaign in 1990. Mr Gantt won North Carolina's closely-contested Democratic party primary on Tuesday, beating Charlie Sanders, a millionaire, by 53 to 42 per cent. Mr Gantt had faced allegations — including many from black activists — that he could not beat Mr Helms in the mainly white state, and late opinion polls indicated a tight race. Mr Helms, seeking his fifth six-year term in the senate, said yesterday he would be a "gentleman" in the coming campaign, and urged his opponent to promise the same. The 1990 race featured a Helms television advertisement aimed directly at the white resentment of affirmative action for blacks. — Jonathan Freedland, Washington.

## Infighting in Vietnam

FRESH signs of tension within Vietnam's elite have surfaced in the run up to a pivotal Communist Party congress next month with a call by Do Muoi, the party leader, for greater unity with the army. Mr Muoi warned delegates to an army congress that differences between the party and army could be exploited by "hostile forces", and could threaten the Communist Party's leading role. "The party must have an all-round, united, absolute and direct leadership in the armed forces," Mr Muoi said. "Building the People's Army to be strong politically is a question of priority importance." Mr Muoi and a number of other politburo leaders had been tipped to stand down at the congress but reports that he may keep Vietnam's top political office have surfaced in recent months along with signs of tension between those favouring rapid economic reform and a minority wishing to slow it down. The extraordinary sacking last month of the politburo member Nguyen Ha Phan for a "serious mistake" that dated back to the head of the congress. The armed forces, already sharply cut in size, have appeared uncomfortable with Vietnam's reforms, warning grimly against the dangers of "peaceful evolution" and the intentions of Western powers. — Nick Cumming-Bruce, Bangkok.

## Boys play at pregnancy

TEENAGE Finnish schoolboys are learning about responsible sex through a new board game in which they are as likely to get pregnant as their partners. The game, Making Babies, is being snapped up by teachers anything else in biology lessons, said Geja Sihvola, the head of health education at the child welfare agency that helped develop it. "They love it," Ms Sihvola said. "They find out not just how easy it is to get pregnant, but also what it feels like when you are — one had throw of the dice and you get headaches, morning sickness, a bad back, the lot." Played with a sperm-and-egg dice on a "fertility square", Making Babies aims to show children aged 12 and over that "there's more to sex than boasting about it the next day in the playground", said Ms Sihvola. — Jon Henley, Helsinki.

## 'Mafia gangs involved' in £1 billion EU frauds

Stephen Bates in Brussels  
**M**AFFIA-type crime syndicates are behind nearly £1 billion worth of European Union frauds, the European Commission claimed yesterday as it announced it had discovered some 5,000 cases involving nearly \$1 billion last year. The exact extent of EU fraud is not known, but the amount uncovered represents almost 1.5 per cent of the entire EU budget. Most large-scale fraud involved cheating on customs duties payable for products from powdered milk to bananas, but there were also beef, cigarette and olive oil smuggling operations, evasions of computer disk and textiles duties on goods from the Far East, and fraudulent applications for development grants. Much of the money has yet to be recovered — 95 per cent of the £435 million lost on customs duties last year and 75 per cent of the 2560 million euros lost from agricultural and structural funds is outstanding. The losses must be made up from member states' budget contributions. Anita Gradin, the Swedish commissioner responsible for fighting fraud, claimed mafia-like organisations, including gangs from eastern Europe, were involved in some of the deceptions. "We are talking about international, organised crime, which is a major source of concern," she said. "It is not some farmers organising themselves, what we are talking about is people who are criminals. Some of them are also in drugs, in people, in money laundering." Officials even uncovered a consignment of more than 500,000 bicycles exported under false pretences from Vietnam. The company disguised the fact that the parts were made in Hong Kong and China and so did not qualify for preferential trading rates. Few foodstuffs exported across the continent appear to have escaped fraud in the form of customs duty evasion or false certification. Italian customs officials in Trieste were found to be operating a trade in forged customs stamps. Earlier this year two

## Spy row talks circling round a friendly fudge

David Hearst in Moscow and Ian Black in London  
**N**EGOTIATIONS failed to resolve the Anglo-Russian spy row yesterday, despite conciliatory signals from both sides suggesting a common desire for a face-saving compromise. A high-ranking officer in Russia's Federal Security Service (FSS) told Interfax news agency that the talks concerned both the number of diplomats to be expelled and when the expulsions would take place. Originally the FSS said it intended to expel nine British officials, after a Russian citizen was caught red-handed preparing to hand over secret documents on political, defence and strategic issues. But the matter is now out of its hands, it maintains. "We have done our job," the officer said. "It's now the job of the politicians to find a decision which is the most adequate for the interests of the Russian Federation." In London the Foreign Office said the British ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, had met the Russian deputy foreign minister, Sergei Krylov, after seeing the minister, Yevgeny Primakov, on Tuesday. "It's up to them to decide what they do," an official said. "When they do we'll respond." No decision was expected before today. But the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, made it clear that serious negotia-



Portillo: hoping for an amicable conclusion

tions were in train and that Britain expected a deal. "We hope that continuing discussions will produce an amicable conclusion to this regrettable incident," he said. "I am not quite sure what the Russian government requires of us. We very much want to continue good relations and we don't want anything to jeopardise that." Russia's apparent retreat makes it possible to fudge the issue. British diplomats are routinely replaced after a three year spell in Moscow, and some were due to move to other postings before the affair blew up on Monday. Britain has steadfastly maintained that Russia has failed to substantiate its allegations and that it will respond with retaliatory measures if the expulsions go ahead. Its robust response suggests that Moscow has been told there will be wider repercussions than a round of tit-for-tat expulsions, possibly impacting on financial support for President Boris Yeltsin's reform process. Russian intelligence sources insisted yesterday that the allegations were unrelated to domestic politics and were a necessary response to brazenly open British intelligence gathering in Moscow in the past five years. The British embassy has received neither the name of the arrested Russian man nor details of his alleged links with members of the mission. Russia meanwhile has ordered an Estonian diplomat to leave the country after a spy-row and Tallinn has retaliated by expelling a Russian diplomat. The Russian foreign ministry said in a statement that the Estonian diplomat, who was not named, had been expelled for "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status". The Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, front-runner in opinion polls for next month's Russian presidential election, said yesterday that the West would have nothing to fear if he won. "Russia has always been a stabiliser — a factor which brings more balance in the world — and a bridge between East and West," he told journalists in a satellite link-up with Cable News Network.

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Kurdish bases bombed as troops cross border

# Turks sweep back into northern Iraq

Chris Muttall in Ankara

TURKISH troops have been pouring into northern Iraq, backed by heavy artillery and helicopter gunships, in the biggest incursion into the region in more than a year. Fifteen guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) are reported to have been killed so far.

Turkish newspapers report that as many as 40,000 soldiers have been taking part in security sweeps against the Turkish Kurdish separatists on either side of the border. The operation began on Sunday or Monday, but details of the extent of the offensive only emerged yesterday.

The armed forces have carried out a number of strikes against PKK bases in northern Iraq in recent months, but they have been confined to isolated commando raids, air attacks and artillery bombardments.

This time security officials say that regular troops have penetrated up to six miles into Iraq and are backed by heavy guns and helicopter gunships. The PKK victims are reported to have been killed by the bombardment of two camps.

The operation echoes last

month's spring offensive against the PKK in south-eastern Turkey, in which 5,000 troops surrounded a PKK base in the mountains of Diyarbakir province. About 60 soldiers and 350 guerrillas were killed.

Skirmishes have continued since then, and nine PKK members and four soldiers were reported killed yesterday in the latest incidents.

The chief of the Turkish general staff, General Ismail Hakkı Karadayi, has gone to Diyarbakir to view the operations.

The northern Iraq operation was apparently sparked by a hot pursuit of militants who sought refuge across the border after a clash near the town of Serrindil in Hakkari province.

Turkey fears that a power vacuum has been created in northern Iraq by Operation Provide Comfort, the air umbrella it operates with the United States, Britain and France, which has prevented President Saddam Hussein's forces attacking the Kurds there for the past five years.

The north has been carved up between the Iraqi Kurdish Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), but their rivalry has allowed the PKK to establish bases.

In the spring of last year Turkey sent 35,000 troops into northern Iraq for six weeks to find and destroy the camps. Sixty soldiers died and the armed forces claimed to have killed 600 guerrillas.

The PKK is believed to have bases in neighbouring Syria and Iran as well, and 10 days ago the military imposed a six-month ban on access to areas bordering Armenia.

The authorities said they were increasingly concerned about PKK militants entering Turkey from Armenia, and would carry out operations in the east.

The PKK's leader, Abdullah Ocalan, who is based in Syria, has said that the unilateral ceasefire he announced last December will continue for the time being. But he has also threatened suicide bombings this summer in Turkish cities and attacks against the west coast tourist trade.

The centre-right coalition government formed two months ago has said it wants to tackle the problem of its Kurdish minority by lifting restrictions on teaching in the Kurdish language and ending its state of emergency in 10 south-eastern provinces in July. But it is having difficulty drafting the necessary legislation, and internal divisions make progress unlikely.

# Israel rejects UN report on Qana killing

Derek Brown in Jerusalem, Mark Tran in New York and Jonathan Freedland in Washington



Fog for a protest... An ultra-religious Jew uses a washing line to display a poster declaring that elections are forbidden by the Bible. Israel votes on May 29. PHOTOGRAPH: NATI SHOHAT

AN INDIGNANT Israel yesterday rejected a United Nations report suggesting that the April 18 shelling of Qana in south Lebanon, which killed more than 100 refugees, was deliberate.

Ehud Barak, Israel's foreign minister, said the report's conclusion was "absurd". The army chief, Amnon Shahak, said "only a warped mind could think this".

Lebanon called on the UN to condemn Israel formally for its "premeditated crime".

The report to the UN Security Council on Tuesday said it was unlikely the Qana attack had been the result of technical errors.

In Washington, the administration of President Bill Clinton maintained its unblinking defence of Israel.

"Israel has taken its responsibility here, Israel has stood up and been criticised and has taken a hit," said Nicholas Burns, the state department spokesman.

Mr Burns curtly suggested that the UN investigate Hizbullah's role in the episode instead.

US hostility to the report stoked speculation that Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary general, may have jeopardised his chances for a second term. The US has yet to decide on backing him.

The UN said that the report was not intended to embarrass or accuse any member state, but to establish the

facts so as to avoid similar incidents in the future.

"It is difficult to understand the strong reaction to this report from some quarters," Sylvana Foa, a UN spokeswoman, said. "The report is balanced and objective, the facts speak for themselves."

Israeli officials continued to insist that the mass killing was the result of faulty maps — an assertion which sits uneasily with previous boasts of "pinpoint" strikes on targets.

They also deny that they knew the UN post was crammed with civilians.

However, officers of Unifil, the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, are sceptical of Israel's protestations of innocence. They say that early into Operations Grapes of Wrath it was known refugees had sought shelter with the UN.

The UN men also openly scoff at the excuse about faulty maps. The Qana base, they point out, was established 18 years ago.

The UN report was compiled by General Frank van Kappen, Mr Boutros-Ghali's military adviser. It makes much of the flight over Qana by an Israeli drone, or unmanned surveillance aircraft.

But yesterday the Israeli officer in charge of the flight said the drone had reached Qana only after the shelling.

A judge in New York yesterday ruled that Moussa Mohammed Abu Marzook, a leader of the militant Islamist group Hamas, could be extradited to Israel over an alleged conspiracy to commit violence. — Reuter.

# Pirate factories provoke US sanctions on China

Martin Walker in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton is expected to announce more than \$1 billion in trade sanctions against China for piracy of American videos and compact discs even as he and his presidential election rival, Senator Bob Dole, are quietly agreed on a bi-partisan policy to expand China's trade with the United States.

Mr Dole is expected to anger the Republicans' conservative wing today by declaring that he supports maintaining China's Most Favoured Nation trading status, which will come up for renewal next month.

Although he is expected to criticise Mr Clinton's tactics, Mr Dole has effectively stood up to the traditional policy of the Bush and Clinton administrations: China can best be civilised and liberalised by engagement and open Western markets.

This policy towards Beijing will continue, despite the ex-

pected imposition of trade sanctions, and the sabre-rattling over Taiwan earlier this year. The policy has few enthusiastic defenders in the Clinton administration, but no rational alternative has yet been proposed.

Mr Clinton was expected to agree reluctantly to sanctions after China did little to fulfil a promise made last year under the threat of sanctions to close 31 factories that were pirating US videos, compact discs and computer software and other intellectual copyright material.

Now US officials claim to have "uncovered" 13 more "underground" Chinese factories, churning out similar material. This leaves Mr Clinton little alternative but to resort to sanctions, even though China has vowed retaliation.

A further round of economic sanctions against China is also looming in the state department. The secretary of state, Warren Christopher, has yet to pronounce on what diplomatic sources

claim is "overwhelming evidence" that China has broken its promises to restrict the sale of ballistic missiles and nuclear technology to Pakistan. Once the administration acknowledges this evidence, sanctions would be automatic under current law.

In other areas, US-China relations are flourishing. Vice-President Al Gore is developing a joint commission on pollution problems. The defence secretary, William Perry, has developed an ambitious programme of staff visits and exchanges and US technical assistance. The commerce and energy departments — backed by corporate America — are trying to take full advantage of China as the world's fastest growing market.

Mr Clinton appealed to Mr Dole and the Republicans in Congress yesterday to work with him to pass compromise bills to balance the budget, raise the minimum wage, cut the tax on petrol and enact modest reforms on the health and welfare systems.

# South Korean students flee examination hell

Mary Jordan in Seoul finds the pressure of school life takes its toll on the whole family

IT WAS 11pm and Moon Sae Bom was solving maths problems and double-checking her social studies maps. For the past two hours, her mother had sat beside her, checking her answers, making sure the 10-year-old did not fall asleep.

This is a normal night at the Moon house and in millions of homes throughout South Korea, where mothers spend hours a day studying with their elementary and secondary school children, even playing them with caffeine to keep them awake and learning. There is a huge new industry of private tutors for women who need to relearn algebra, world history and other subjects to help with homework.

Across this academically hyper-achieving country, students file out of state and private high schools not at 5pm but 10pm. Every weeknight they study in classrooms from dinner until late into the evening.

"This kind of excessive commitment has allowed South Korea to develop so fast and has made Korea different from other developed countries," said Kim

Byung Kook, a professor at Korea University. "But we are worried we may have gone over the limit."

Min Hye Kyoung, Sae Bom's mother, is so worried about the "hell" of South Korean college examination pressure that she plans to send her daughter to secondary school in Britain, where she believes students have more time just to be young.

"People are spending 20 to 30 per cent of their income on private tutors for their children so they can learn all the school material a year ahead of time," said Min, aged 35. "It's just too difficult here. I would rather save her from the stress and strain."

Just to keep Sae Bom competitive with her classmates, Min spends more than £20,000 a year for tutors to supplement her public schooling. "And compared to others, that is not a lot," she said.

Dedication to education is a key reason for South Korea's rise from one of the poorest countries in the world, a generation ago, to the 11th wealthiest today and now a top manufacturer.

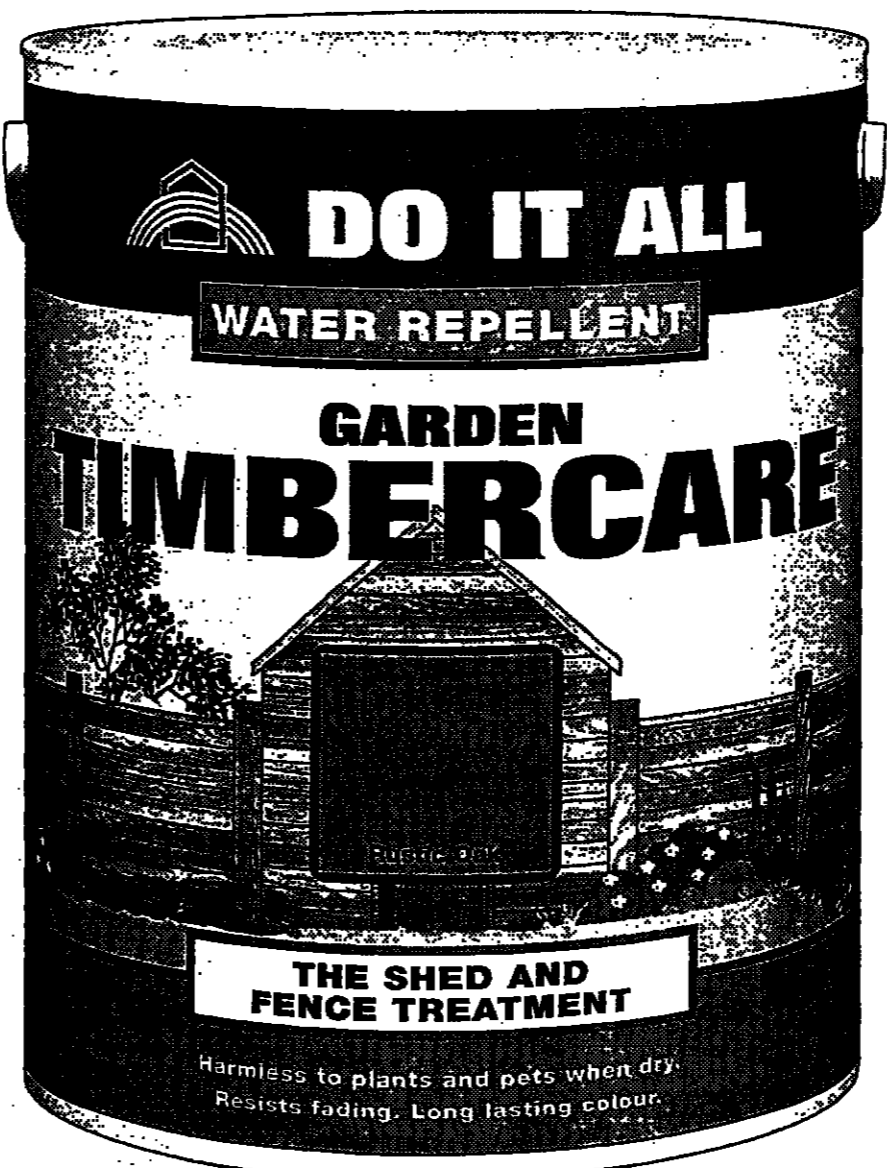
South Korean students, most of whom attend state schools, are at or near the top of most international educational comparisons and a powerful force in elite American universities. But the country is reflecting on the toll that economic success has taken on its youth. In the last two years, the government has tried to ease high school and college entrance exam requirements.

This spring, all elementary schools in Seoul are supposed to allow one "bag-free day" each month, meaning youngsters are not supposed to bring their book bag to school that day so they will not carry books or papers home.

The primary aim of all students, from pre-school on, is to get into the best possible college. Competition is so fierce that people say that if a third-year high school student sleeps four hours a night he will get into college. If he sleeps five hours, he won't.

"For the year before college exams, families cancel all trips and welcome no visitors; parents don't even have time for sex," said one mother, who believes the obsessive nature of the school system is driving thousands to educate their children abroad. — Washington Post

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# A big No to the euro

What to do if Europe goes ahead without us

OUR ICM opinion poll today showing that 64 per cent of people disapprove of Britain joining the proposed single European currency is a body blow for Euro-federalists of all parties. It shows how near the mark John Major was when he admitted last month that voters would reject a single currency if a referendum were held now. The poll reflects rising scepticism among ordinary people (though not so much the young) and industrialists — fanned by the media — about the advantages of rushing into a closer federal union with Europe. It would be absolutely barmy for this or any other government to abandon the pound for the proposed “euro” when the majority of the people are against it. This doesn’t mean that Britain won’t, or shouldn’t, join later on. Public opinion over Europe is far too fickle to base a decision on one opinion poll. But it does elevate procrastination into a viable policy. This is a once-in-a-lifetime decision with awesome implications for unemployment and sovereignty if we get it wrong. What is needed, and what may at last be happening, is a real debate after which the nation can make its decision away from the pressure of European timetable.

Kenneth Clarke and his likely successor in a Labour administration, Gordon Brown seem increasingly enthusiastic for EMU despite the counter-currents among the electorate. Speaking in Bonn this week Mr Brown stressed the substantial benefits proffered by a single currency in terms of stability, reduced currency speculation and lower interest rates while giving the impression that the objections were mainly of a practical nature. In particular he would have to be convinced that monetary union wouldn’t lock the UK into uncompetitiveness or unemployment.

That is exactly the judgment that has to be made, but we are less sanguine than Mr Brown that the British economy has changed its spots. If Britain gave up the option to devalue before curing its propensity to become uncompetitive then — without US-style labour mobility — we could be locked into higher unemployment requiring very large transfers of resources from the EU which may not be forthcoming. But won’t life outside EMU be unbearable? Not necessarily. For the past two years the pound has been remarkably stable against the Deutschmark, almost as if we have been shadowing it. Protagonists of monetary union say that if you are shadowing the Deutschmark anyway you might as well be in EMU as not, especially as interest rates may be lower. They have a point but the argument can be turned on its head: why not stay outside long enough to prove your ability to stay in? If this results in mildly higher interest rates (not at all inevitable) then that would be a small price to pay for ensuring that we get this decision — arguably the most important economic decision this century — right. Who knows: a period of watching and waiting may even swing public opinion more in favour. Without that all bets are off anyway.

# What really happened at Qana?

Truth and Israel’s own credibility demand more answers

WHAT HAPPENED at Qana has become a question where huge conclusions depend upon accurate knowledge of facts. We now have the gist of the UN’s internal investigation and several varieties of denial from the Israeli side. This may become one of those contentious events which will be argued for a long time to come, but it is important to weigh the evidence as it appears now. No one disputes that Hizbullah guerrillas fired Katyusha rockets on April 18 from near the village of Qana in South Lebanon, some 300 metres from the UN camp. Israeli artillery swiftly responded with a number of shells which hit the camp and killed about 100 civilians. The UN concludes that “the pattern of impacts... makes it unlikely that the shelling... was the result of gross technical and/or procedural errors” although “the possibility cannot be ruled out completely.” It implies that the shelling was probably deliberate. Both sides agree that the guerrillas ran into the UN base, though it is not clear whether they did so before the shelling or after it occurred.

army would probably have used “more accurate fire from helicopters instead of artillery fire”. It was said that only “four or five” shells had gone astray. Claims by survivors and UN soldiers that an Israeli pilotless “drone” had been hovering above were denied.

Spurred by the UN report and by a video showing a drone in the air — apparently while shells are exploding — Israel now says that the report is “selective and biased” and has provided a rather different account. The need for swift action, it now says, was not the Katyushas as such but because Israeli commandos were in the area (to seek out the Katyusha launching site) and had come under mortar fire. The drone’s presence is admitted but it is said to have been “on a different flight course”. The artillery fire is no longer described as inaccurate: the problem is blamed instead on “faulty maps” which misplaced the camp’s location by a critical margin. The number of shells which fell on the camp (the UN report says there were 12 in all) does not seem to be disputed.

Because a story is inconsistent does not, of course, necessarily mean it is wholly wrong. But the UN report, in conjunction with Israel’s own shifting explanations, presents a prima facie case which has to be investigated further. There are larger issues in southern Lebanon which do not depend on this question. But the demands of truth — and Israel’s own credibility — require a full reply.

# The Redwood stage is rolling on

And he is veering to the left to pick up more passengers

WHEN John Redwood quit the Cabinet last summer to run against John Major, it seemed a quixotic gesture. Today, it increasingly looks like a highly astute long-term career move. Mr Redwood may have lost both his Cabinet seat and the leadership election but in the process he has positioned himself as a deadly serious contender for the next leadership contest.

Since he was likely to have lost his Cabinet post at the general election anyway, Mr Redwood has won himself two years’ freedom on the backbenches from which to mount a leadership bid in 1997. He has not been wasting his time. He writes at length to prospective Conservative MPs. He munches chicken — and probably now roast beef — at two or three constituency functions every week. And yesterday Mr Redwood published what by any other name would be a personal manifesto. He denies it, as protocol demands, but

his pamphlet *Action Not Words* is a decisive bid to consolidate his claims as the principal leadership candidate of the Tory Right after Mr Major’s expected departure. Mr Redwood is the Michael Heseltine of the 1990s.

And just as Mr Heseltine trimmed to the Right after Westland, burnishing his free market credentials to extend his appeal, so Mr Redwood is now in the process of trimming ever so gently to the Left for the same reason. Mr Redwood has found arguments for the welfare state which would surprise some of his doctrinaire followers. Though passionately opposed to the single currency, he is careful not to cast himself as an out-and-out anti-European. He wants very much to save your local hospital. Clever stuff. Michael Portillo, once the dauphin, can only fume in envy. In the Tory party of 1997 and perhaps in the general election of 2001, Mr Redwood is now the man to beat.



## Letters to the Editor

Our Guardian, for all it's flaws

# The welfare state, still critical

ABELATED thank you for your 175th birthday supplement (May 4). As a reader of some 50 years, I must admit to a daily dependency on the paper and a great feeling of comradeship with fellow readers. I was delighted to contribute hundreds of paragraphs to the old London Letter when edited by the urbane Gerard Fay 40 years ago, and to Miscellaneous. You are indeed the writers' paper. But please do not write "isn't" and "wasn't" in your leading articles. Kenneth Clark, 48 Hardy Road, London SE8 7NN.

TO my friends on the Guardian, congratulations on your 175 years. I stopped the G as the state pension did not seem to run to my paper bill. I had severe withdrawal symptoms, now my lovely daughter and her husband pay. Result: one happy 80-year-old. Rosa Tullett, 29 Clevedon, Ravensdown Road, Lewes BN7 1EY.

IN some respects your supplement sold you short. It might have emphasised that you were one of the few papers which didn't fall for Communist propaganda, and which later gave a fair hearing to the nuclear disarmament movement. And though Keith Flett (Letters, May 7) is right that it overlooked readers' contribution, it did reproduce a page of 1956 letters — including some names which have been appearing ever since. Nicola Walker, 89 Islington High Street, London N1 8EW.

THE Guardian's anniversary supplement quotes Glenda Jackson about the Guardian: "I quite enjoy its spelling mistakes." In asking whether Ms Jackson or a Guardian sub-editor was responsible for this, I need a Guardian sub-editor to get it wrong in order for my question to make any sense. Huw Jones, 2 Links View, Dollis Road, London N3 1RN.

YOU report that our police are equipped with "helmets with visas" (May 6). May I suggest that they be equipped with passports too? Margaret French, 20 Lynton Grove, London SW15 2HA.

## And the rest

YOUR reader Joseph Lane (Letters, May 3), complaining about a letter by "James" Knapp pushing the borders of middle-class socialism beyond belief, might be unaware of a French MEP going by the name of Jimmy Golezith. What borders this pushes I cannot conceive. Matthew Randall, 19 Blenheim Mansions, Edgley Road, London SW4 6ET.

YOU assert that the most famous headline of all (Leader, May 7) was "Small earthquake in Chile. Not many dead". But I would award the palm to your own headline back in the 50s: I remember very clearly reading "Quiet Norwegian elections: Few issues in a dull campaign". I do not recall reading the item. Rinks, 3 Temple Street, Brighton BN1 3BH.

WHOSE interests are served, I wonder, by MPs who make a point of disclosing such activities as guarding the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, or performing the Schumann Piano Concerto at Smith Square? The public? Or their own? Ian Short, 10 Achilles Road, London NW6 1EA.

YOUR report (The end of the welfare state, May 8) was a complete distortion of what I said in my IPPR lecture. Of course the precise welfare settlement of the 1940s needs to adapt to modern patterns of employment and family life; but I went out of my way to reiterate how crucial it is to have the strong platform of a welfare state in place to protect people — especially in the insecure world we all now inhabit.

I called for a new relationship between the claimant and the benefits system, so that people are treated as citizens, not supplicants. I identified two new Beveridge giants: insecurity and exclusion. I said that a Labour government would make a national assessment of poverty, and would have a new determination to tackle it.

I rejected out of hand the Tory approach to welfare, chopping benefits one after another, and argued for a comprehensive benefit-to-work strategy. The way to reduce the nation's expenditure on social security is to help people to move off benefit and into work. At present the system makes this move more difficult, not easier.

None of this was covered in your article. It was a travesty of my case, I said. "Let no one believe that Labour is going to abandon its faith in this simple principle: that all citizens are of equal worth, and deserve to be dealt with justly and with dignity by society. A strong and effective welfare state is part of fulfilling that commitment." Chris Smith MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Social Security, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

CHRIS SMITH argues that people have a responsibility to make provision in their own lives for when they fall on hard times. I was under the impression this is what the welfare state and the tax system were all about.

It is not difficult to see where the money to pay for decent benefits or care for the elderly would come from — the Child Poverty Action Group concludes that if the tax rates that existed when the Tories came to power were restored, the state would have £31.4 billion at its disposal. Instead Chris Smith cites the "success" story of Australia — a country which has seen one of the biggest redistributions of wealth from poor to rich in the developed world, the removal of unemployment benefit for those under 18, and, not surprisingly, the return of a nasty rightwing government. Peter Morgan, London E8.

CHRIS SMITH must be forgiven for not detailing New Labour policy on social security yet. His proposals have to be approved by the Labour Party National Policy Forum that meets in Manchester on May 18.

Walthow Road is not publishing this Forum and will not divulge delegates' names. It is a very elite body. Only three delegates represent Greater London. If the Forum approves to continue dismantling the welfare state, it would be wrong for readers to believe that it automatically has the backing of the Labour Party rank and file. Joe Harris, Islington Pensioners' Forum, 91a Tollington Way, London N7 6RE.

AN INCREASINGLY inept public is searching for a vision of society which amounts to something more than an opportunity to buy a ticket for the global economic roller-coaster in which a privileged minority completes the ride whilst the rest are thrown into oblivion.

The bold political strategy for today is not the faint-hearted anti-statist visions of misguided modernisers but rather one in which the commitment to welfare is reaffirmed. Robert Page, Lecturer in Social Policy and Administration, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

BEVERIDGE saw poverty as an evil which was to be eradicated. Half a century of economic growth later, Chris Smith tells us not to worry because it's only a temporary situation. Even if 17 years of poverty creation didn't show this to be utterly false, New Labour's outlook could not be more clear. The living standards of the affluent are sacrosanct — those of the less fortunate are dispensable. Ed Horton, 34 Birchfield Close, Oxford OX4 5DL.

WITH just under £200 going to tax and National Insurance monthly, on certainly less than excessive earnings, I was under the impression I was insuring current and future health needs. F A Arbuthnot, Homerton High Street, London E9 6AJ.

IN THE 1950s and 1960s when my parents died, my father in an aged persons'

home and my mother in hospital, they had the best care available without it costing them a penny piece.

Never in their wildest nightmare would they have thought that when their son reached their age, and if in need of similar attention, it would not also be equally free. They were simple souls and thought progress meant things got better not worse. David Hughes, 42 Langroyd Road, London SW17 7FL.

HAVE come to the conclusion from Wednesday's front page that the best way to secure a modicum of security in my old age is to start to amass as many consultancies and directorships as quickly as possible.

Was there ever a better shift for rewarding the shifty for their responsibility? Michael Clark, 32 Grange Avenue, Stockton on Tees, Teesside.

YOUR leader (May 8) is wrong in saying that the popular definition of poverty "which includes anyone earning less than half of average earnings" is "an unhelpful definition making it statistically impossible to reduce poverty". If there were a more egalitarian society where the range of earnings was much smaller, it would be possible to eliminate poverty on the present definition. It would be possible to have a very skewed distribution of incomes, with a very few people having very high earnings. But none having less than half the average. Neville McMillan, 23 Grassfield Way, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9AF.

## The bypass dispute rerouted

I WAS interested to read Tony Benn's article on the Newbury protesters (Land and Freedom, May 1). I agree with him that we must reflect what the local community wants when making decisions which affect people and the land around them. We have 20,000 of them have either written to us or signed a petition supporting the decision to build it. A recent telephone poll showed that 70 per cent of Newbury residents want the bypass now, so they can reclaim the land in their own centre from the heavy traffic.

By contrast, a small minority of misguided individuals

have resorted to what Tony Benn admits is "law-breaking" activity in their attempt to halt the bypass. It is this selfish attitude which denies modern-day "common people" the access to a high-quality transport infrastructure and livelihood which depends. John Watts, Minister for Railways and Roads, Great Minister House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number. We may edit letters; shorter ones are more likely to appear.

## A Country Diary

THE BURREN, IRELAND — lost in the Burren Mullaghmore mountain reared, pale, almost white, its sweeping upward ridges in shade and therefore prominently delineated, its dramatic quality enhanced by the turlough, Loch Gealain, shimmering and sparkling in the sunshine. We began to walk "the round" by Loch Seath Ard (Lake of the High Hawthorn) and Loch Tra Bán (Lake of the White Strand) keeping Mullaghmore in sight. All was well until we decided to take a short cut — an adventure, even the unknown beckoned. We veered off on to a lane which led us to a house. We asked if we might walk their back fields and were gladly given permission. For about a kilometre we walked a well-trodden path which then petered out, leaving us smack against a high stone wall. This we managed to scale. Now we had lost all sight of Mullaghmore. Our next obstacle was what looked like an impenetrable hazel wood. However on close examination we noticed vari-

ous trails. We each took a different one. After a while we met exactly at our starting point. We were faced with a catkins, pale lime, gold to brown, now fallen. We had to bend double to move on. We passed through small clearings in the hazel woods, here the Burren rocks were moss-covered, vividly green, sheltering bouquets of primroses and violets. Brambles tore at us, hazel twigs snapped against us. I thought of "a hazel witch" for the discovery of buried treasure and its use by the Celtic chiefs as a symbol of their status and stressing their connection to the world of nature. Black thorn stabbed us, its white flowers like crystals on its black branches — a magnificent year for it. Clouds raced across the sky while we trod on, small-like. A find mist seeped down as the sun disappeared. At last — the top of Mullaghmore. We had had a three-hour creep instead of a two-hour walk. SARAH POYNITZ



## Ye columnists of little faith

IT IS discouraging to have the BBC's Thought for the Day characterised as "half-baked homilies" (Buggins' turn on the road to Damascus, May 7). It sometimes gives me the strength to face a difficult day.

As a Quaker, I oppose dogmatic preaching. If I hear it, I switch off (mentally at least) but this does not happen very often. Do critics of Thought for the Day actually listen to it, I wonder? Jeanne Warren, 32 Willow Close, Garsington, Oxford OX4 9AN.

SINCE Catherine Bennett evidently "finds the faithful ludicrous", would she like to come and witness the antics of St Mark's congregation at worship in N17? I'm sure it would provide her with endless amusement.

Last Sunday for instance, Albert and Jane, who are asylum-seekers, told us that when they reported to immigration at Heathrow, knowing they might not be deported, they were granted another six months' stay. They recorded their thanks to the congregation for their loving and prayerful support. Then, Catherine, the subject of a malicious prosecution, announced she had been found not guilty of criminal charges, and invited the congregation to sing a chorus, "Jesus never falls!" No doubt these poor, de-

cluded people could become the subject of another inclusive Guardian column. (Rev) Brian W. Goss, St Mark's Methodist Church, 312 Philip Lane, London N15 4AB.

CATHERINE BENNETT, albeit tongue in cheek, reveals outdated religious views and language. RE gave way long ago to RE and most people understand their own religion more as they consider alternative beliefs. The word "savages" is hardly in the thought patterns of contributors to Thought for the Day nor, thankfully, do they speak of "smacking silly heads".

Letchworth, Herts SG6 3ND.

CATHERINE Bennett finds the "faithful ludicrous". In a lifetime of 80 years I have known hundreds of these "ludicrous" people. People who voluntarily visit the sick and the bereaved, who spend their lives organising youth clubs, children's groups, helping the aged, doing community work and helping charities of all kinds. I feel proud to be numbered among the "ludicrous faithful" without whom so much community life would come to an end. Arthur Topping, 6 Barrowdale Road, Gbournville, Warrington WA3 3LW.

Handwritten signature or scribble.



Diary Matthew Norman

FROM the catalogue of the London art and antique bookseller Ulysses, there comes a tender morsel from the past of an old friend. "Atiken, Jonathan and Beloff, Michael. A Short Walk On The Campus..."

Choosing a chief for the judges

Commentary Hugo Young

LORD Mackay should be the power behind John Major's throne. This seat may be collapsing, but it still confers the right to appoint the next Lord Chief Justice, following Peter Taylor's sad retirement through ill-health.

That's not how it happens in other countries. The Lord Chief Justice is a man of much social and political influence, now far removed, as I showed on Tuesday, from the neutral obscurity in which Taylor's predecessors, heard but seldom seen, administered justice.

There are two kinds of choice. The easy one is a traditionalist. There are scores of them around, including one or two worthy candidates. Lord Justice Kennedy is humane and fair, and without an enemy in the world.

of what they call consolidation, another way of saying it's time for an LCI who keeps quiet, doesn't challenge the Home Secretary's role as exclusive penal philosopher, and encourages restraint on judicial review, the growth industry of the Tory years which has so much altered the balance of power between judges and politicians as the most trusted source of protection for citizens' rights.

They need a leader sensitive to his wider public role and fearless in expounding it

looming, the dead status quo of judicial quietism is not an option. The judges need a leader sensitive to his wider public role and fearless in expounding it.

Women want power and want it now



Natasha Walter

A WOMEN'S leadership forum opened this week. Yawning already? Another women's group funded by a local authority? Yet more consciousness-raising sessions, or well-meaning training seminars to encourage women to break into management?

can play that game. When it comes to building a bridge, we might say, women will build it, while men will hold days of meetings to chat about who will be boss and who will be worker, who will arbitrate between them and who will draw up the planning regulations, before going down to the pub or club.

Such women don't seem to care about being liked and building relationships nearly as much as the clubby men around them. They get on and work for what they believe in, lonely though that may be.

USY this week with the Government's new push for slower driving is Transport Minister Shagger Norris. Exceeding 30 mph limits in urban areas can be as lethal as being 100 mph on motorways, that's what the message is, and who better to deliver it than Shagger? It was he, after all, who once said that "a little bit over 30 mph may not be particularly dangerous... A sensible motorist observes speed limits, of course, but he doesn't necessarily slavishly observe them."

FROM Europe comes another insult to the Prime Minister. A chapter heading from yesterday's European Commission report on Euro-fraud reads "Major Organised Transnational Fraud Cases". No doubt the gifted hummer responsible is a Belgian, no doubt, with Swiss blood on his mother's side - will insist it was simply an accident. Bastards, the lot of them.

NORWAY voted not to join Europe, of course, but it remains very much in Euro-visit. Indeed, on Saturday it will host this year's Song Contest - and by way of helping out the press, the BBK information office has kindly disseminated a list of titles "Ten Scandinavian snippets of information". A perhaps favorite is "Norwegian Invention", it reveals, "include the cheese slicer, the paper-clip and the string vest."

THANKS to George Hmey from east London for his memories of a Mandy Mandelson office boy, Dolly Draper. Dolly came to our attention yesterday for profane ranting at a woman journalist (the "c" word was used, I'm afraid). Such feistiness is, it seems, nothing new. "I first came across him as a heady acid youth at the 1986 Labour student conference," Mr Hmey recalls. "He was equally obnoxious then, as he and his cronies sought to deny entrance to the conference of delegates elected by colleagues whose politics did not agree with those of Mr Draper and the Labour leadership."

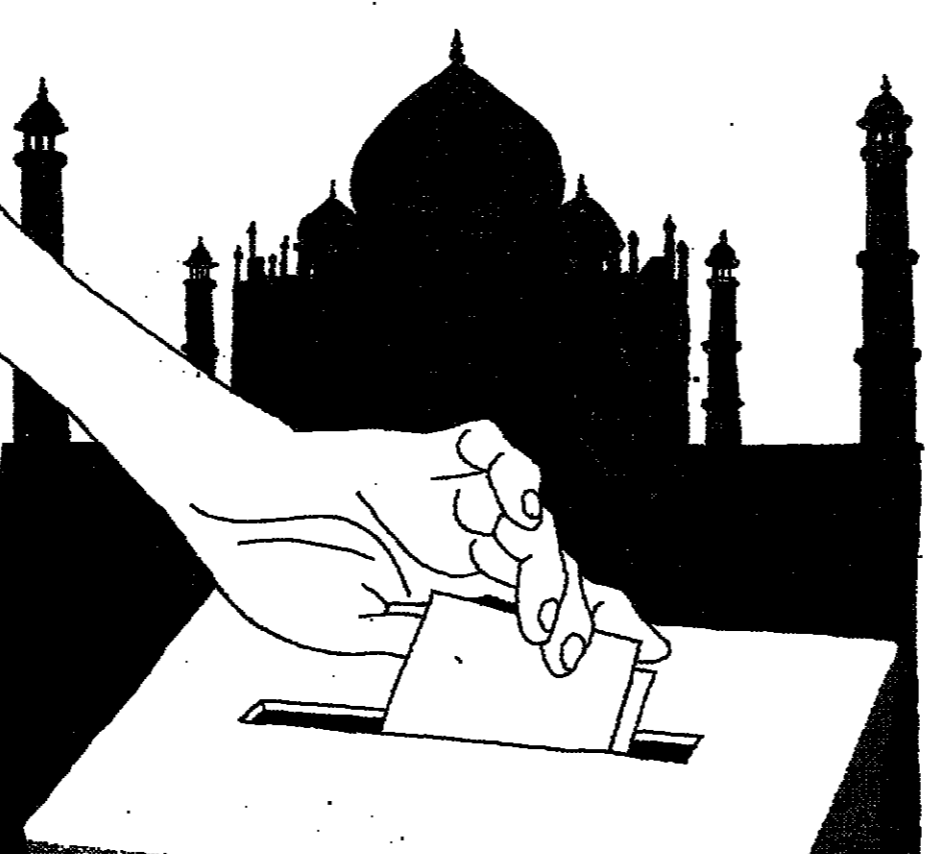
CONTINUING to dispel the tediously passé image of uniformed officers as illiterate thickies is Police Review magazine. On the contents page of a recent edition, for example, is an invitation to turn to page 22, where Sarah Gibbons considers improved "performance indicators" in an article called "Standards of excellence". Helmet aloft.

Some will hold out for a stake in the government in New Delhi; others are concerned only with extracting a promise of non-interference in their particular fiefdoms. And although a chance to wield power would seem its own reward, money and muscle will certainly figure. For, despite efforts to reduce the cost of elections, political parties were fundraising for months. As in every election, yet there were discreet meetings at lav-

A low-caste as prime minister of India? It's the ultimate prize for democracy there, argues Suzanne Goldenberg, as the old elite continues to lose its historic grip

The millions awake

FOR ORDINARY Indians, their small part has been played. The simplest and most basic of democratic rites is over. Voting in all but a handful of seats for India's general elections has ended, an extraordinary exercise in human organisation involving 590 million electors putting their stamp on 200 tons of ballot paper at 800,000 polling booths. Counting got under way yesterday.



But although India is immensely proud of its status as the world's largest democracy, and polling day is held in near-sacramental regard from the Himalayas to the lush green paddy fields of the south, the aspirations of hundreds of millions now cease to matter.

place in the power structure. They have now awakened. They want a share. They want not only the benefits of power, but to operate the levers of power. Modern India's accomplishments pale beside the economic tigers of South-East Asia. Nearly 50 years after independence, only half of the population can write a simple sentence - the rather generous definition of literacy - and 40 per cent eat less than the daily caloric minimum.

Thanks to a newly empowered election commission, these have been the cleanest and most peaceful polls in memory. They have also been the dullist. Wary of being captured on video by election officials hunting down violators of a 450,000 rupee (28,800) spending limit per candidate, the larger-than-life cut-outs of politicians, the convoys of uncommitted dust at bewildered villagers, the ear-splitting renditions of Hindi pop songs have all but vanished.

And now that the poor are within reach of the reins of power, they have discovered new enemies - within their own ranks, rather than their socially sanctioned oppressors, Brahmins and upper-caste Hindus. In the end, the BJP, the new party of the divinely ordained upper-caste elite, has gained, riding to supremacy on the divisions in the forces that would oppose them.

Like the leaders of all the three main blocs, Rao, who is acknowledged as a master of manipulation, must now demonstrate an ability to woo the presence of loyalty or political principle will be set aside as the regional party bosses weigh up what to offer for a stake in the government in New Delhi; others are concerned only with extracting a promise of non-interference in their particular fiefdoms. And although a chance to wield power would seem its own reward, money and muscle will certainly figure. For, despite efforts to reduce the cost of elections, political parties were fundraising for months. As in every election, yet there were discreet meetings at lav-

never stoop to bribe supporters. But there are strong suggestions it has happened in the past. In March, four MPs from a party for tribal peoples were charged with accepting bribes in return for their support for Rao in a no-confidence vote in 1993. One of the accused had told parliament that he had received a 4 million rupee pay-off (more than £78,000) after meeting the prime minister. So, if the people's verdict ultimately will be set aside for under-handed machinations behind closed doors, then why do Indians still vote? The numbers show they do. Turnouts in successive elections since independence have nudged higher, with 80 per cent of voters exercising their franchise in some parts of the country.

But how relevant are such stereotypes now? Any of us

Some of the women at the forum have moved mountains to get this far. Now they can stand still for a few minutes, catch their breath and allow the eyes of the world to alight on their faces, their glittering earrings, their swinging stoles, their smiles. They are the sign of things to come. The mood is celebratory, as it should be. So why do some of the forum's participants want to question women's very desire for power, or their very ability to exercise it? Old feminist orthodoxies still prevail. Hanna Suchocka, the former prime minister of Poland, said: "The main barrier is within women." According to Laura Liswood, who came up with the idea for the forum: "When it comes to building a bridge, men go out and build the bridge, while women spend an inordinate amount of time asking the rest of the team, how are you? how's your son? - in short, building relationships - and lose track of the original task of building the bridge."

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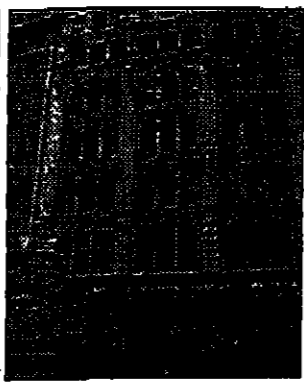
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Ivo Jarosy

The man who loved movies

THE ACADEMY Cinema in London's Oxford Street was well named: for more than half a century, several generations were able to acquire a rich film culture from its programmes. For 48 of those years, Ivo Jarosy, who has died aged 74, played a major part in the selection and promotion of films shown there.



Academy cinema, Oxford St

He arrived at the Academy in 1939 from Germany to work as a publicist. Four years later his Viennese stepfather George Hoellering bought the cinema from its founder, Elsie Cohen, a pioneer in exhibiting foreign-language films in Britain.

with Jarosy. In 1964, Angus McBean was commissioned to redecorate the cinema using crimson swagged wallpaper, and the adjoining Pavilion Restaurant whose menu Hoellering supervised with the same discrimination with which he oversaw the choice of films. Going to the Academy was always an event.

Jarosy's method as a publicist was exemplary. The material given out to the press invariably included a lengthy analysis of the film, diligently researched, beautifully written, and with its opinion - favourable, naturally - so well-argued that it permitted no dissent. A harassed or lazy reviewer who simply paraphrased Ivo's press release could come up with something better than he would have done without assistance.

Ivo Jarosy was engaging, courteous to a fault, with a slight, scholarly stoop, big bright eyes and an inextinguishable genial beam. After Hoellering's death in 1969 he continued to run the Academy, but he always appeared lonely. The great days for art cinemas had gone: the young audience was no longer so attracted by foreign-language films. Jarosy recently revealed in an interview that, in its last 10 years the cinema had been subsidised to the tune of £1.5m - money earned from the rents of offices in the rambling building, which dated from 1911-13.

In 1986, the Academy closed its doors and was shortly afterwards demolished. Jarosy, who seemed never to age in the last 30 years, enjoyed a quiet retirement, reading and still de-



Jarosy... risked showing films that other cinemas spurned

lighting in films even on the small screen. In 1952 he had married Joan Grant, and the couple had two sons.

David Robinson

Frank Coppelstone, who has died aged 71, spanned more than 35 years, beginning with the birth of commercial television and ending with the shake-up which followed the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

Frank Coppelstone

Sailing in the choppy waters of television

THE BROADCASTING career of Frank Coppelstone, who has died aged 71, spanned more than 35 years, beginning with the birth of commercial television and ending with the shake-up which followed the 1990 Broadcasting Act.



TV chief... Coppelstone

Cornish through and through, Coppelstone saw war service in India and Egypt and was wounded in the head during the Normandy invasion.

Postwar he read history at Nottingham University, became president of the students' union and in 1964 of the National Union of Students. His ad hocism and conservatism made him an attractive leader while the NUS network provided lifelong links with politicians.

In 1958 he became the independent Television Authority's northern regional officer, and saw Tyne-Tees Television on to the air. In 1959 he established the ITA's Plymouth office and supervised Westward Television's launch. Thirty years later, Frank relished the swing of fortune which made him Westcountry Television's deputy chairman in Plymouth.

The assault on the south coast TV franchises was possibly one of the most exciting times of our lives and for Frank's resuscitation of the Normandy landing. All his experience and leadership qualities were needed to keep a disparate crew focused at our meetings in Paddington station hotels or along the M3 at Newbury.

Frank's final eight years were happy and fulfilling. Westcountry Television kept him busy, while his wife Felicia, also a writer, shared his love of the arts, sailing and entertaining. He was a committee member of the Royal Tovey Yacht Club and a founding Fellow of the Tovey gallery in St Ives. If there was one regret it was that his enthusiasm for rugby when young resulted in a broken nose, ending, he thought, his good looks. His one piece of unfinished business would have been to host in 1987 the first time in Cornwall the Celtic Film and Television Festival.

In his short illness, Frank liked nothing more than watching the ships going up or out to sea just below the windows of his hill-top rowing house, a 'Tovey Galami' in his home town.

Stephen Redfern

Frank Henry Coppelstone, independent television executive, born February 28, 1925; died April 30, 1996

Letter

Gerald Kaufman writes: In his obituary of Saul Bass (April 27) Richard Eddis claims that Bass directed the shower scene in Hitchcock's Psycho. In her book Psycho: Behind The Scenes Of The Classic

Thriller Janet Leigh wrote: "Did Saul Bass direct the shower scene, as he claims? This is an easy one - a definite 'absolutely not'." Leigh states that the storyboard for the shower montage was drawn by Bass, but goes on: "Drawing some pictures does not a director make."

Jack Weston

Down and out in Hollywood

FAT ACTORS in the movies are generally forced to play either villains or clowns or clownish villains. Jack Weston, who has died aged 71, played all three, while on stage he specialised in Broadway comedies, especially as an interpreter of Neil Simon's wisecracking characters.

long-running musical South Pacific. Then, on his first day in Los Angeles, Weston landed a part in television soap, Gunsmoke. He went on to appear in The Untouchables, as well as getting small parts in the movies, including the sinister butler in the Jerry Lewis comedy, It's Only Money (1962).

he played a middle-aged seafood restaurant owner who dreams of having a passionate affair, and finds he gets involved with three different women before deciding to go home to mother. He also played two roles in Simon's California Suite (1976).

The Four Seasons (1981) Alan Alda's directorial debut, dealt with three middle-aged couples with shaky marriages. Weston and Rita Moreno were the funniest pair, with the former as a grumpy dentist, obsessed with his Mercedes, who falls into a frozen lake to be rescued by his friends.



Putting on The Ritz... Weston starred as a man on the run, taking refuge in gay Manhattan

Birthdays

Richard Adams, author, 76; Alan Bennett, dramatist, 62; Candice Bergen, actress, 50; James I. Brooks, film director, screenwriter, 58; John Cook, director, Innr Cities Young People's Project, 58; Terry Downes, boxer, 60; Albert Finney, actor, director, 60; Linda Furlong, opera singer, 44; Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 82; Sanchez Gonzalez, tennis player, 68; Richard Haughton, race-horse trainer, 56; Henda Jackson, Labour MP former actress, 80; Billy Joel, singer, 47; Sir Francis Kennedy, special adviser to the chairman, British Airways, 70; Gavin Lyall, author, 42; Sir John McDermott, Ld Justice of Appeal, Northern Ireland, 69; Geradine McEwan, actress, 64; Brian McMaster, director, Edinburgh Festival, 53; Die Morrisey, saxophonist, 53; Joan Sims, actress, 68; Marc Sinden, actor and artistic director, Mermaid Theatre, 72.

Death Notices

LAWRENCE, John Stewart, M.F.P.P., May 20 1928; aged 67; died May 6 1996. Crematorium, Friday 10th May. Donations if wished to Parkinson's Society. Memorial service to be arranged.

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# Finance Guardian

CBI's regional survey points to further employment shake-out • Housing upturn is discounted

## Manufacturers to cut jobs

Sarah Ryle and Cliff Jones

**C**ITY forecasts of a significant upturn in the housing market which would boost the fortunes of the building industry were undermined last night by a report showing that a weak industrial recovery would lead to further job cuts.

There was no sign last night that rates would be moved up or down from their current 6 per cent level after the monthly monetary meeting between Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George.

Firms in Wales and Yorkshire & Humberside reported the steepest reductions, reflecting weaker export orders. Export orders were stronger than total orders in most regions except in the South-east and the North.

Despite the relatively positive outlook for orders in the South-east, employment expectations were much weaker. Mr Holt said that a further 4,000 manufacturing jobs would be lost, bringing the total to 10,000 in the first half of this year.

cent following four consecutive monthly rises from the Nationwide and Halifax building societies.

deputy governor, Howard Davies, was cautious about the housing recovery, although he said yesterday that there were signs of an "improved tone" in parts of the property market.

### Notebook

## Rate-cut pressure keeps bubbling up



Edited by Alex Brummer

**D**ESPITE a considerable loss in confidence in manufacturing, as evident from the CBI regional survey, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is probably right to resist the pressure for quick interest rate cuts.

to have been due more to a sense of relief than a belief that Sainsbury will bounce back quickly.

A loyalty card, which is a year behind Tesco's, will not make a huge difference in the short term.

## Ostrich firm given more time to answer seven DTI charges

**T**HE Ostrich Farming Corporation yesterday was given more time to prepare its defence against the Department of Trade's move to dissolve the company.



PHOTOGRAPH: REBECCA NADEN

## Direct Line is savaged in price war

Sarah Whitebloom

**P**ROFITS at Direct Line, the Royal Bank of Scotland's pioneer of telephone-only insurance policies, were nearly 90 per cent lower in the six months to the end of March than in the corresponding period last year.

The severe weather cost the insurer a record £22 million, and downward pressure on prices as a result of new market entrants a further £25 million, the firm estimated.

## Woman dials in to run One-2-One

Nicholas Bannister  
Technology Editor

**J**AN Peters, the American woman who has headed US West's mobile phone operations, is to take over as managing director of Mercury One-2-One in June when Richard Goswell leaves to take on the politically sensitive job of handling C&W's operations in South-east Asia and the Pacific.

group which is due to appoint a new chief executive later this month following the collapse of its merger talks with British Telecom.

Macao and the Chinese relationship," he said.

Nynex CableComms, Britain's second largest cable operator, is considering offering cheap phone rates for Internet users.



Wood... still optimistic

## Euroceptic George warns to EMU 'disaster' theme

Richard Thomas

**E**DDIE George, the governor of the Bank of England, bolstered his Euroceptic credentials yesterday by warning MPs that a politically-inspired rush to monetary union could spell economic disaster.

UK inflation, hinting that Britain may have more success ensuring price stability by remaining outside the remit of a European central bank.

## Eurotunnel shareholders name agent in battle to overturn board

Keith Harper  
Transport Editor

**M**ORE than 600 Eurotunnel shareholders yesterday braved a cold Calais wind to protest against a plan by the company's creditor banks to take over control of its fortunes in exchange for restructuring the Channel tunnel company's £2 billion debt.

hands of Eurotunnel's problems. Two years and two days ago we inaugurated this tunnel with President François Mitterrand and Queen Elizabeth II.

## Relief for Lang as US power group admits bid defeat

Simon Beavis  
Industrial Editor

**S**OUTHERN Company of Atlanta, Georgia, yesterday admitted defeat in its fight for control of National Power, but said it still wanted to break into the British generation and supply market.

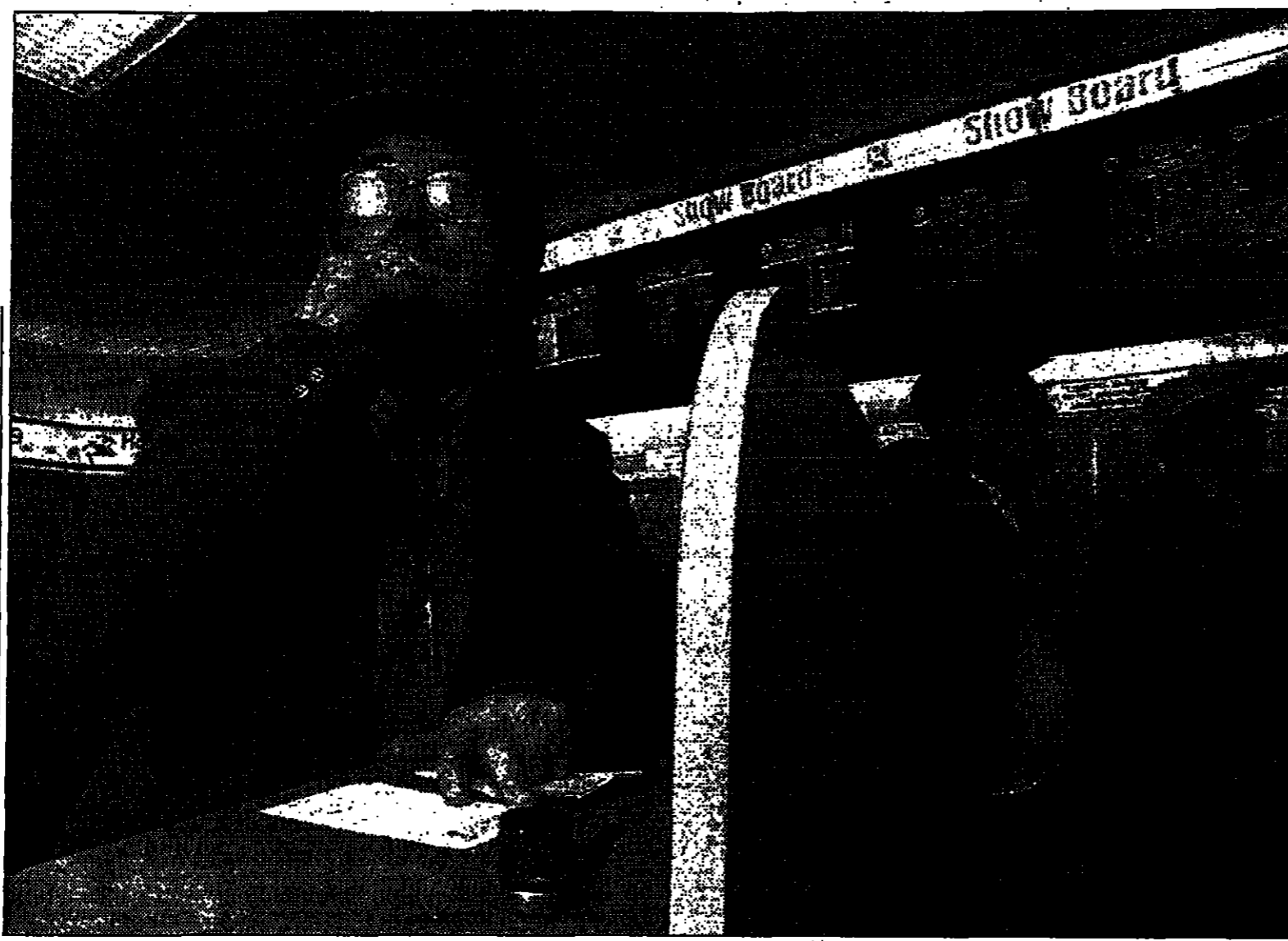
to stifle growing criticism from the Tory right of the Government's policy on the privatised utilities and to deter takeover bids from US companies like Southern.

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Stanley places Carter in stable

STANLEY Leisure, Britain's fourth biggest bookmaking chain, yesterday snapped up Gus Carter, the Sunderland-based bookmaker...



Pipe dream... a pensioner seeks inspiration as he ponders his selections yesterday in a branch of Gus Carter in Newcastle

RTZ chiefs survive assault

Violence flared yesterday at the annual shareholder meeting of RTZ-CRA, the world's biggest mining company...

answer session that had dominated proceedings. Amid protests from other environmentalists, angry at Sir Derek's refusal to take more questions, security guards dragged the man out...

a mineral mining project in Madagascar, which they say threatened rare species. Mr Wilson said the project was still in its early stages...

plete the forests as they "eked out a living", bringing about the very destruction the environmentalists opposed.

against Freepport, which it claims has been responsible for human rights abuses, and has exploited local workers.

and the company's activities in North America. There were also attacks on the continued presence on RTZ's board of British Ges chairman Richard Giordano...

Whitbread's heavy investment in 'refined' future

Outlook/Brewer is spending cash like water, writes Lisa Buckingham

IF YOU cannot rely on a good dose of inflation to keep sales on the increase, and consumers remain loath to dip their hands into their pockets...

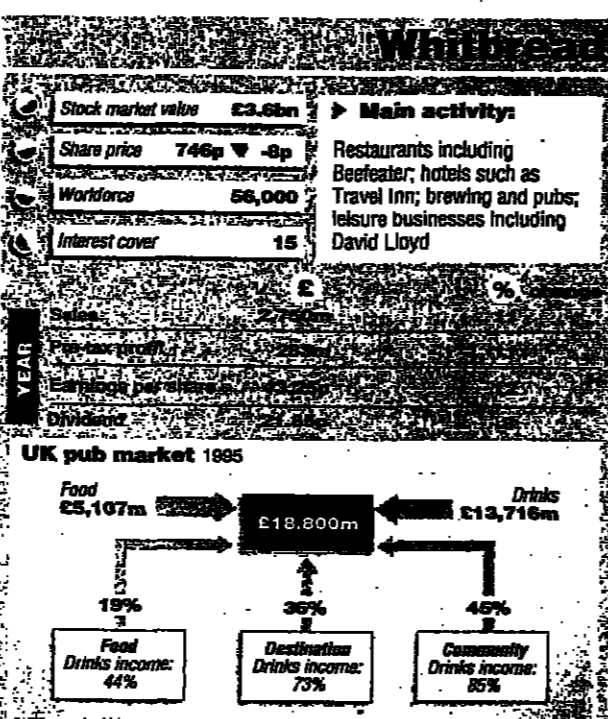
more than £1 billion on a load of mid-market hotels and eateries owned by the Forte empire, had Granada's Gerry Robinson not cruelly swiped them from reach.

by fully fledged eateries such as Pizza Hut and TGI Fridays. A move into hotels was seen as a natural progression...

wider leisure market. As the chart shows, Whitbread is seeking to capitalise on what it regards as an inevitable shift away from the traditional 'spit-and-sawdust' com-

munity boomer towards more refined venues which cater for women and families. This can only be spurred by the continued impact of cross-border beer sales...

brewing business. A spin-off benefit is that Wadsworth becomes practically immune to takeover. The message has apparently not been lost on other regional brewers...



The Underside

Dan Atkinson. AT LEAST the chaps at Great George Street are of one mind on the single-currency. May Day saw Three Finns testify...

the Government's endorsement of powers allowing a new Brussels anti-fraud department to search without warrant any business premises in the country.

Mike carried the statement in a sealed box to the Central Office of Information; with him went a security man carrying an identical box 'in case I fell down dead'.

casional puts an unhelpful spin on the monthly releases (he tells the truth). The ONS rule that no politicians see the figures until precisely 36 hours before publication is proving particularly annoying...

of which most people are entirely unaware. FORGET the coke-snorting City dealers of popular myth, the drugies most at risk from the Square Mile police are cannabis-loving roof peacefully wending their way by car to parties either up-town or south of the river...

A BIG feel-good factor in the legal profession, thanks to Coopers & Lybrand, whose legal bills are running at £1 million a month. Some is down to residual action from Maxwell pensioners...



WE GOT HIM THREE CLOCKS... THE FINN RETIREMENT PARTY

News in brief

News Corp profits fall by two-thirds

NEWS Corp's profits at Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation fell by two-thirds to just 10 cents a share in the company's third quarter...

Sugar firm's bitter news

TATE & LYLE shares slid 14p to 452p yesterday after the food and sugar producer warned that full-year profits would fall below the level predicted at its January annual meeting...

Smartcard cashes in

MONDEX, the electronic smartcard developed by Nat West and Midland banks with BT to replace cash, was declared a success yesterday after a two-year pilot scheme in Swindon attracted more than 10,000 users...

VW improves performance

VOLENSWAGEN'S pre-tax profit rose to D6407 million (£277 million) in the three months to March from D406 million a year earlier...

Zeneca agrees German deal

ZENECA said yesterday it agreed to sell its textile colours business to Germany's BASF for as much as £188 million...

European merger will create the world's biggest 'temp' agency

Two of Europe's biggest personnel agencies are to link up in a deal which will create the world's biggest 'temp' employment company...

The two companies stressed the amicable nature of the deal which is why it is being carried out through an offer from the smaller company...

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Racing

Quinn motors to Cup win on Merit

Jimmy Quinn may never become a household name, but the racing fraternity know him as the hardest working jockey in the business...

Contrary to tactics in most staying events, the secret of winning the Cup is to be hardy throughout...

his confidence they're going the right way about it. 'To my mind, he didn't do anything wrong and I had to have told him so...



Up for the cup... Merit and Jimmy Quinn come home well clear of the opposition in yesterday's Chester Cup

Chester with TV form

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes races like 2.10 South Point, 2.40 Prince of Wales, 3.10 Glorious Aragon.

Drawn last number back, 4. Doncaster Millers, George Stables. Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last racing.

Table for Chester 2.40 race, listing horses like 2.10 BONARELLI, 2.11 WEST-AMBERT, 2.12 WEST-AMBERT, etc.

3.10 WAYMAN-HALES HANDICAP 150yds GR47. 301 5/11 MR OSCAR (247) (M) J. Jones 4-7...

Brighton

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes 2.20 Wait For Rosie, 2.50 Daily Risk, 3.20 College Night.

Down low best, George Pim. 2.20 SUNDAY STAYERS' WELLS HANDICAP STAKES 270 yds GR117...

2.50 HOLLANDIA CLAMMING STAKES 270 yds GR281. 55-05 RED TIE (8) M Saunders 6-13...

3.20 BRIGHTON FESTIVAL HANDICAP 150yds GR288. 10-42 ORANGE LAUREL (17) (M) J. Houghton 5-10-0...

3.50 JIM WALKER MEMORIAL HANDICAP 1m 200yds GR128. 31-105 PRINCE BARRON (26) (M) D. Murray 5-9-20...

4.20 HANDEMAN STAKES 1m 110yds GR270. 10-254 ABANDONED (7) (M) R. Simpson 5-8-8...

Hamilton tonight

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes 6.30 Craigie Boy, 7.00 Lydia Atchison.

Down high best up to 10, George Pim (go to 10) to 10. 6.30 PRINCE BUT HANDICAP 150yds GR240...

Sedgefield NH tonight

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes 6.15 Classic Crest, 6.45 Little Wealden, 7.15 Overhanging River.

4.15 Classic Crest. 6.15 SEDGEFIELD PANDOCK BOOKMAKERS NOVICE HURDLE 5m 110yds GR260...

6.45 OUV CHAMBER HUNTERS' CHASE 4m 200yds GR468. 1-11 LITTLE WEALDEN (14) Mrs J. Jackson...

7.15 GEORGE CARPENTER MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE 3m 200yds GR210. 4-1222 OGD DALLY (10) (M) D. Eason 10-10-10...

7.45 JOHN WALKER GROUP OF COMPANIES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES FINAL 2m 110yds GR276...

8.15 DUNCAN DUKES ANTIQUE FAIR NOVICES CHASE 1m 110yds GR246. 2-1222 PARAGLIDER (11) (M) D. Eason 6-11-7...

8.45 JOHN DUNN HANDICAP HURDLE 1m 110yds GR274. 1-3420 JONAS (11) (M) D. Eason 5-10-10...

Southwell (A.W.)

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes 2.00 Come Too Marzetta's, 2.30 BR of O'Brien, 3.00 Princess Blithe.

Drawn low forward, 4. Doncaster Millers, George Stables. 2.00 TYPICAL MAIDEN ANTIQUE STAKES 270 yds GR281...

2.30 CAMELIA CLAIMING STAKES 270 yds GR281. 10-20-20 EARLY CANTON (2) M. J. Jones 5-10-20...

3.00 PRINCESS BLITHE (14) (M) D. Eason 10-10-10. 1-3420 JONAS (11) (M) D. Eason 5-10-10...

4.00 BONAOLA SELLING STAKES 150yds GR270. 1-3100 BONAOLA (11) (M) D. Eason 10-10-10...

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Prize Giving time for Wragg

Chris Hawkins. GEOFF WRAGG saddled the top class Pentire to win the Dee Stakes at Chester last season...

Results

Large table of race results across multiple pages, including race names, horse names, jockeys, and times.

Blinkered first time: CHESTER: 2.40 Bonarelli; 4.10 Apollonia; 4.40 Orinoco River...

Table of race results for Chester, Brighton, Southwell, Hamilton, and Sedgefield, listing race names, horse names, jockeys, and times.

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Sherry... mature

It is a place so malevolent that young professionals ought to be blindfolded before being escorted there, preferably by two huge minders



Swing low... Gordon Sherry is going from being a dominant amateur to just another European Tour rookie

Sherry to repel attack of killer Bs

THIS morning Gordon Sherry puts his big foot in it - both big feet, in fact, as the reigning Amateur champion and his size 13s step into the world of professional golf and he makes his debut in the Scottish PGA at Dalnahaoy.

Sherry is going from being a dominant player in one field to just another rookie who has a lot to learn in another. Some players make what is an exceptionally difficult transition with some ease; others fall completely.

Sherry will quickly find out that just travelling the European Tour is a complicated and exhausting process with problems of language, currency and cuisine.

Furthermore he can do it with buckets of brand-new, first-class balls, brought to him by his caddy, hitting them mostly off good turf and in half-decent weather.

Wrong with Sandy Lyle and could put him right in 10 minutes, given the chance. They could do ditto with Severiano Ballesteros and many of them tried, with the result that at one Belgian Open his caddy of that time, Billy Foster, wrote out a placard and rested it against the Spaniard's bag while he was hitting balls.

Ballesteros plays down his reign in Spain

months off during the winter and spent most of yesterday preparing the ground for failure.

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Hockey

Olympic women to elect their own captain

THE CAPTAINCY of the Great Britain women's team at Atlanta was left open when the 16-strong squad for the Games was named yesterday. The captain and vice-captain will be decided by a vote of the 16 players when they meet at Lilleshall in a fortnight's time for training and two matches against Argentina.

rine of the unique Olympic atmosphere. Robertson is one of eight going to their first Olympics; Jill Atkins, Karen Brown and Jane Sismuth are going to their third.

Japan's champion sprinter Yoshitaka Ito, 25, has been banned for four years after failing a drug test. He tested positive for a muscle-building substance, methyltestosterone, when randomly-tested in March while training in the

Sport in brief

Equestrianism

Claire McAuley, 26, from Surrey, won her first Royal Winter Horse Show event yesterday, writes John Kerr. She had the fastest of five faultless rounds to beat Guy Goosen on Carat in a 16-horse jump-off for the Castle Stakes.

Snooker

Peter Ebdon, the Embassy world championship runner-up and now world No. 3, will partner John Parrott (No. 4) and Nigel Bond (No. 5) for England at the revived World Cup in Bangkok in October, writes Clive Everton.

Rugby Union

RFU raises stakes in Five Nations row

Robert Armstrong TWICKENHAM moved swiftly yesterday to head off a potential breakaway by England players by promising to arrange new international fixtures where England would be banned from the Five Nations Championship.

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Rugby League

Leeds ready to launch their new pair in Paris

Paul Fitzpatrick SATEKI TUIPULOTU and Deane Clark, two recent overseas signings by Leeds, could be on the bench for their important Super League match against Paris St Germain at the Charley Stadium tomorrow.

Tennis

LTA woos Ghana with Wimbledon

Ghana are to be invited to play their Davis Cup tie with Britain at Wimbledon in July. Yesterday Ian Peacock, the Lawn Tennis Association's chief executive, confirmed that David Lloyd's idea of Britain hosting the Euro-Africa Group Two tie would be taken up.

Badminton

England players shun world team cups for Olympic ideal

Richard Jago THREE leading players have refused to play for England in the finals of the Thomas and Uber Cups in Hong Kong next week. Simon Archer, Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright, all capable of winning Britain's first Olympic medals in Atlanta, have decided instead to stay at home to train and prepare for the Games in July.

Mighty Quinn wins on Merit, page 13

Spy cameras on India, page 14

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# Sports Guardian

## RUGBY: LEAGUE RULES AT LEAGUE RULES IN HISTORIC CLASH OF CODES

### Wigan power takes Bath apart



Passing through... Horton skims past Waters of Bath to cross for Wigan's second touchdown

MICHAEL STEELE

Richard Williams sees one champion team humbled by another in an 82-6 rout at Maine Road

THEY ARE bigger, stronger, fitter and faster. We knew that already. But on this evidence rugby league's finest also run with greater cunning, pass the ball more sweetly and kick to considerably more damaging effect than the champions of the union code.

Country, Jonathan Callard's second-half try and conversion represented the only reply that a willing but generally bemused Bath could muster to Wigan's 16 tries (six of them to Martin Offiah) and nine conversions, although they can console themselves with the £500,000 which the sides will share for their participation in the series.

After all, when representatives of both codes met each other twice during the Second World War, the games were played with 15 men a side and the league team won both.

ions of this meeting, their game will be raised to presently unimagined levels of excellence and excitement. And if the absent Jeremy Guscott could be persuaded to show in the course of an entire season as much invention as Wigan's mesmerising Jason Robinson showed in this one match, then he would be a far more effective player.

Wigan's first two ball-carriers were each met by a solid phalanx of three tacklers, but within three minutes they had taken the lead. After Jason Robinson had jinked bril-

liantly in from the right touchline, Terry O'Connor and Henry Paul set Martin Offiah loose down the left. Evading the tackles of Audley Lumsden and Adedayo Adebayo, he touched down in the corner. Andy Farrell converted.

Bath were in trouble again from the restart, and two minutes later Offiah struck again, cutting inside to mock three attempted tackles inside 20 metres and give Farrell another easy conversion. When Paul smashed through Bath cover five minutes later, and Farrell again converted, the signs of a humiliation for the Courage League champions and Pilkington Cup holders were becoming all too clear.

Bath's defensive alignment could find no answer to the runs of Jason Robinson, who discovered that he needed only to run along the line before a gap would inevitably appear. After 13 minutes he suddenly made a 90-degree right turn, jinked past Steve Ojomoh, and was over. Once more Farrell strolled the kick.

Before the match had run a quarter of its course, Wigan had passed the quarter-century of points with no sign of a response from Bath. When O'Connor scored the fifth try, followed by a sixth from

### An argument that is largely academic



Vincent Hanna

LABOUR launched its policy on a British Academy of Sport yesterday and Mr Bolenciewicz came to mind, along with the economics professor who went choo choo.

Sproat Pendery will not throw out the whole idea just because Iain Tom said it first. But I am on a different point. What I find sad about this wrangle is the half-hearted approach to education. Running through our society is an assumption that somehow sporting excellence compensates for semi-literacy. Sir Roger Bannister has been chairing a working group on sports scholarships. He sent his report to the Government about a month ago. I bet it makes little or no difference. Education is not part of the traditional British way of breeding heroes.

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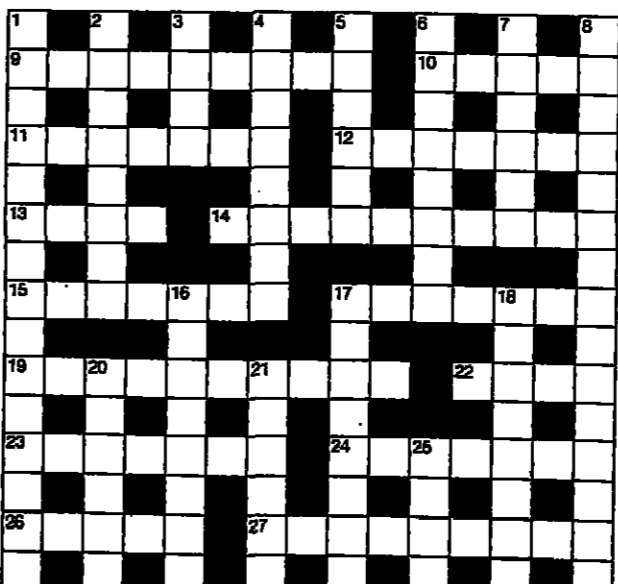
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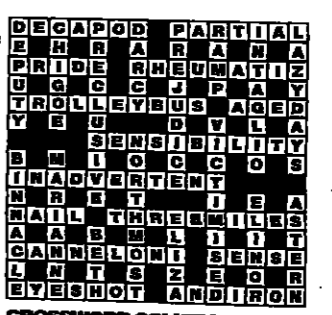
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Set by Fawley



- Across**
- 9 It's some months before the new issue is due (5)
  - 10 Do out off a sexual urge, making an excuse (5)
  - 11 Tends to be in church, to achieve purity (7)
  - 12 Discussing the West, one gets things rusty (7)
  - 13 Eagerly anticipating a turn, start to grin (4)
  - 14 The state a girl's in, perhaps over a gangster? (10)
  - 15 Dextrous, overcoming multinational's shortfall (7)
  - 17 Recently adopting a breezy manner? (7)
  - 19 Newlywed almost charged in ahead, to see part of house - (5-4)
  - 22 --you'll see it in a twinkling (4)
  - 23 Making slow progress? CV is distributed round America (7)
  - 24 Leader of Welsh 'as a limp, and is unsteady (7)
- Down**
- 1 Place's off -- food shop has extremely urgent message (7,8)
  - 2 We pull up a plant -- a weird hybrid (8)
  - 3 A rejection from Paris with no signature (4)
  - 4 Influence each other in one piece, overcoming hesitation (8)
  - 5 Do your best to contain an argument, all over a proverb (5)
  - 6 Remain an exuberant personification of France (8)
  - 7 Sign of 14's having to restrain a spiteful woman? (5)
  - 8 Annual event here gives regular donation (8,7)



- CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,647**
- 1 Billy the Joker has to study -- only pupil in trouble! (8)
  - 17 Dancers may use fancy version of this 12-inch opus (8)
  - 18 I offer accommodation where the Loire flows (8)
  - 20 Face the sixth philosopher? (5)
  - 21 Cut out the City -- take it easy sliding it (5)
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